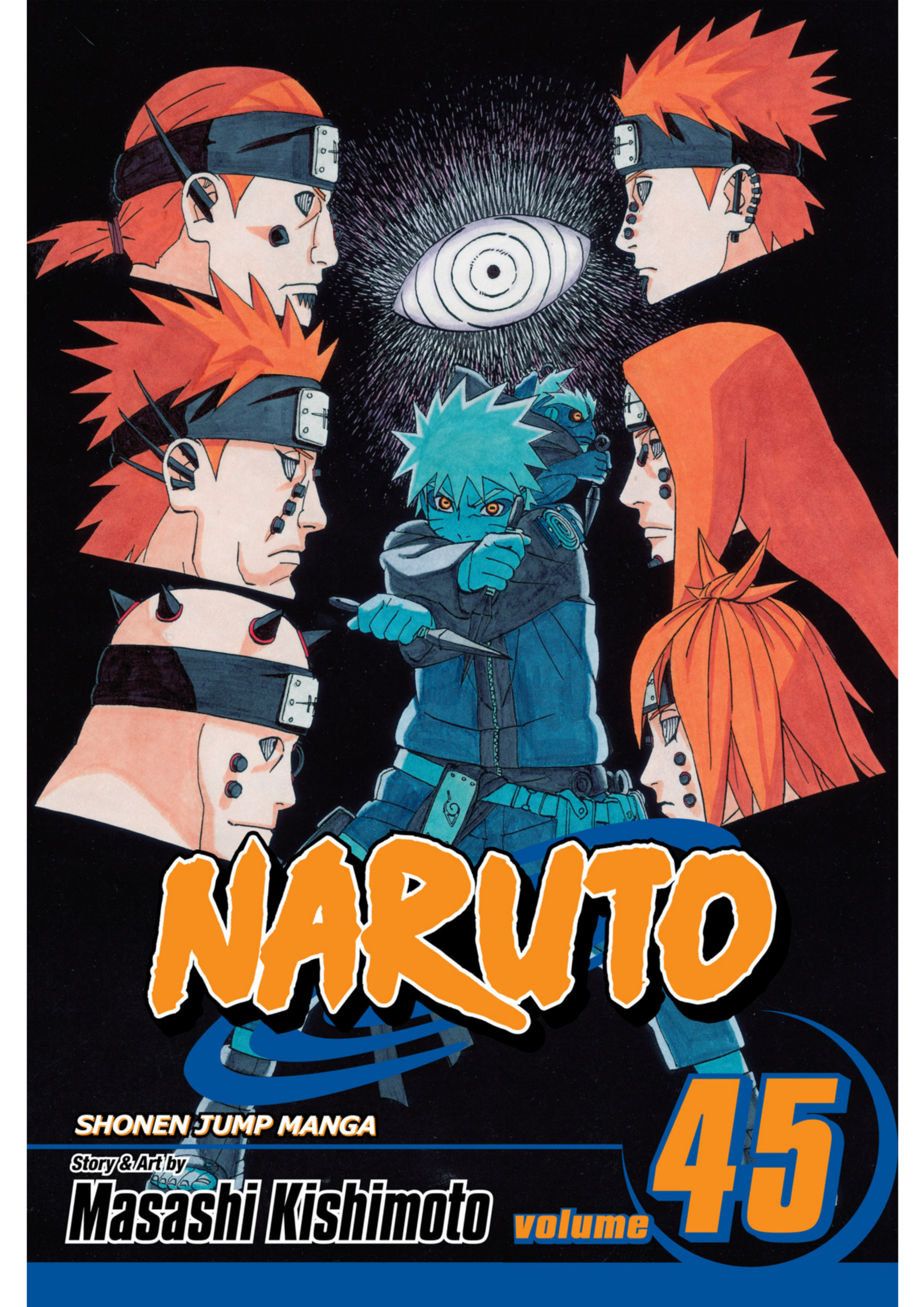

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岸本斉史

My morning always begins with a cup of coffee...

...which sounds hardboiled, but really I can only drink it if it's not black because that's too bitter.

I like it sweet. And since I've got a kid's tongue, I add a ton of milk and sugar. I want to become an adult and appreciate black coffee, but I feel like I'll never get there! Because it's so, so bitter! It's just a bitter sap!

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2009*

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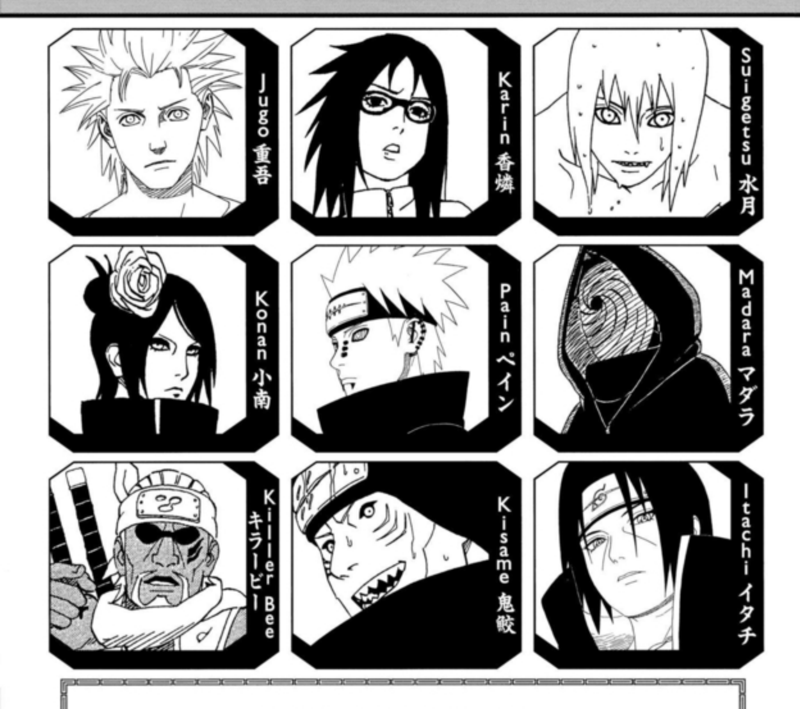
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Two years pass. Naruto and his comrades grow up and head out once more. As their fierce battles against the Tailed Beast-targeting Akatsuki rage on, Sasuke rebels against Orochimaru and eventually absorbs him completely! Sasuke then gathers new companions and chases after his brother Itachi.

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NARUTO

VOL. 45
BATTLEFIELD, KONOHA

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WHEEEEEEE!!!

Number 413: Crumbling

FWISH

GLOP

G-GGLOP




GL
OP
GLOP GLOP GLOP
VW
LARIAT!!!!
OOSH



HERE IT COMES...
IT'S JUST LIKE... THAT DAY...
FSH


FWISH
TMP
TMP
HE'S THE FIRST TO DODGE MY EIGHT TAILS FORM SINCE BROTHER.



VWEENT...

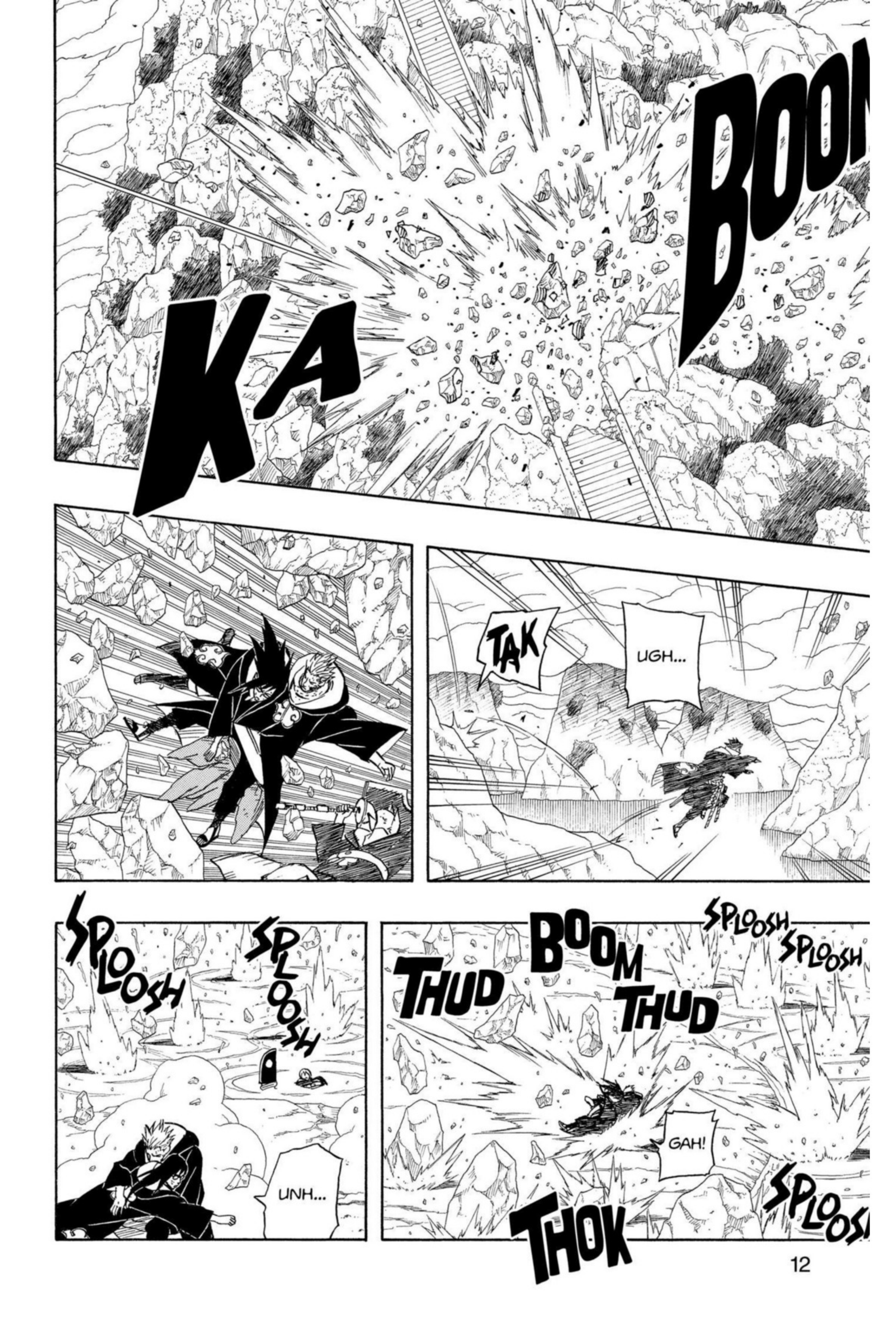
HE'S GOING AFTER THE OTHERS!

SHOOSH

AIEE!






KA
BOO
TAK
UGH...
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
BOOM
THUD
THUD
GAH!
THOK
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
UNH...





(STORM CLOUD RAVINE)

BAROOMB
ALTHOUGH HE'S DEFINITELY GOT SPEED AND POWER...
...HE ONLY MOVES IN A LINEAR FASHION... SO WITH THE SHARINGAN, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE HIM COMING...
TMP

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

YEAH ...

KARIN! READ HIS CHAKRA AND ANTICIPATE HIS MOVEMENTS!
I NEED YOU TO RELAY HIS LOCATION TO US AT ALL TIMES!

VOOSH
IF YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN STAY AHEAD!!

SASUKE !!




THOSE EYES... THE SHARIN-GAN...
... GENJUTSU, HUH...
PH OO M
FZMP
CAN'T MOVE...
PHOOM
WOO MPH
HUF
HUF
FWITT

BWUHAM







WHEEEEEEEE!!

FSH

SHOOM

FWI

TAP

UGH...

SKRITCH

!

SHOOM

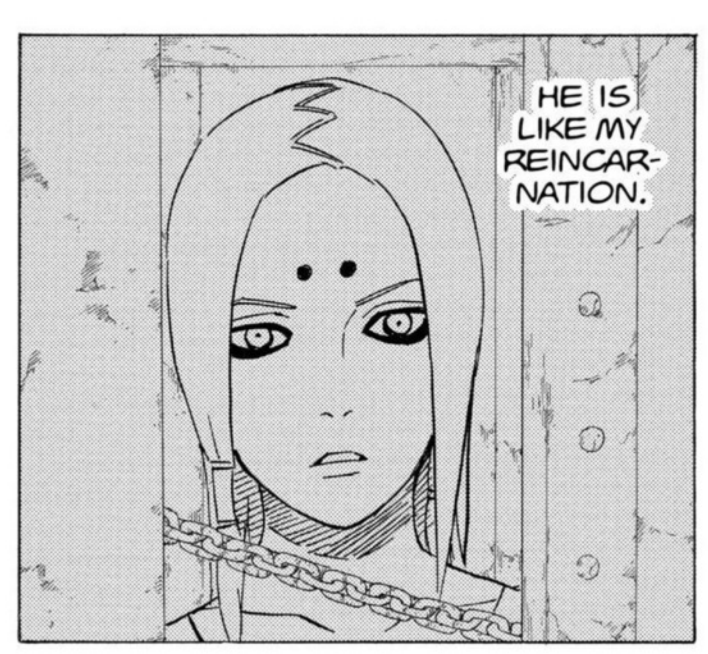
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HUF
HUF


HE'S HURT REALLY BAD.


HUF
HUF


...


HE IS LIKE MY REINCAR-NATION.

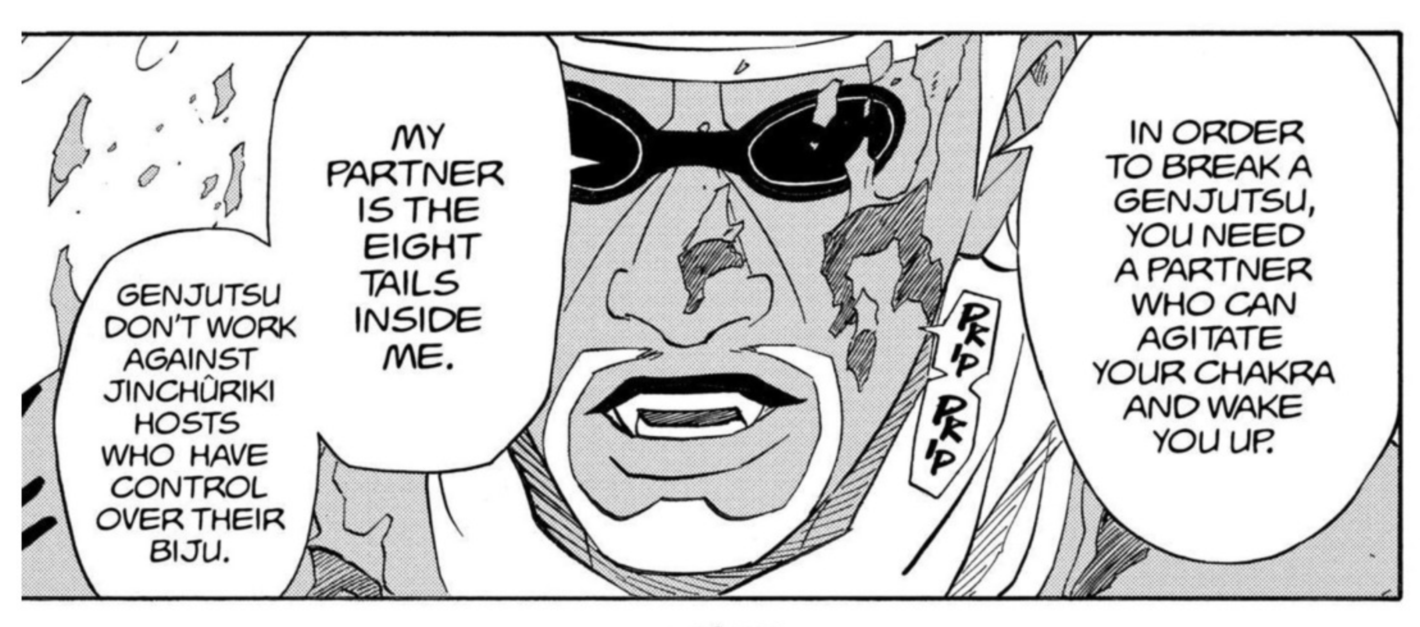

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SSH


FRRLLP

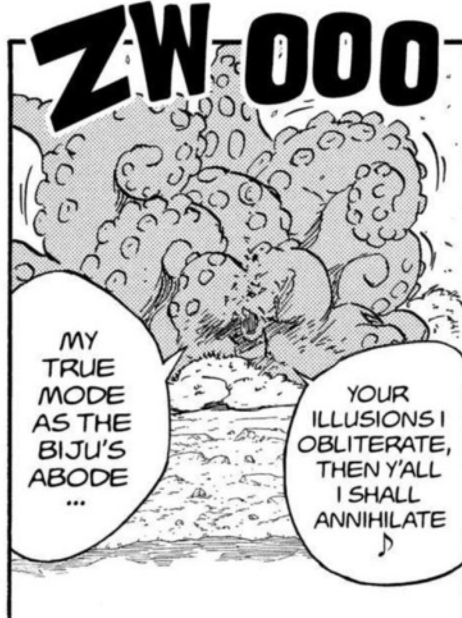

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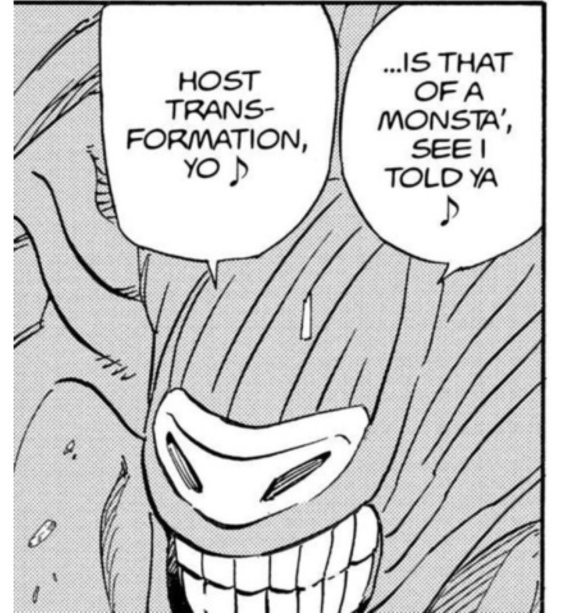

KARIN, DON'T WORRY... I'LL DO IT THIS TIME.
BESIDES, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CHAKRA RIGHT NOW, DO YOU?
HOW?

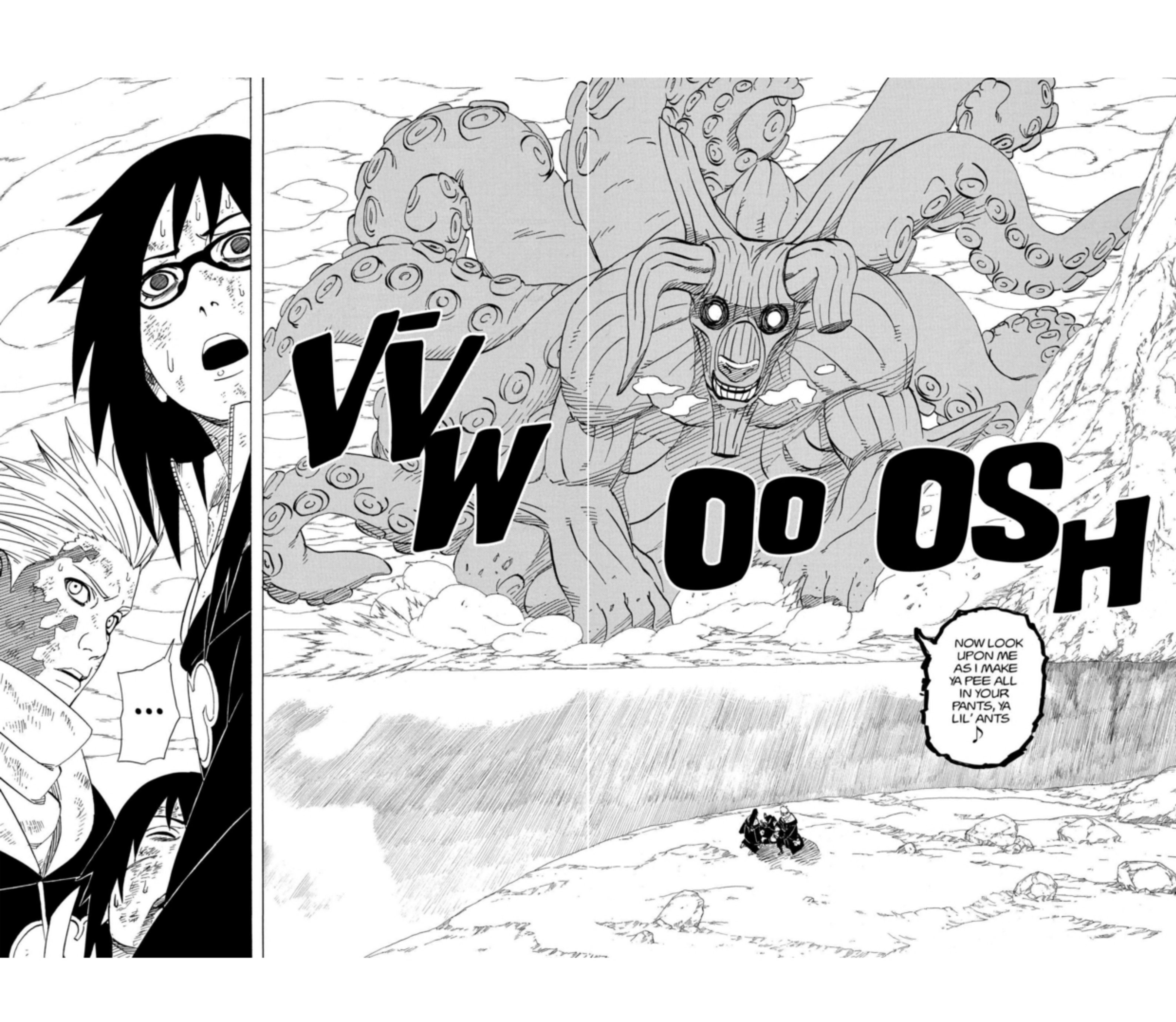

I'M GOING TO MERGE WITH HIM.
SINCE HIS BODY WAS COMPATIBLE WITH MY CURSE MARK, IT SHOULD WORK...
ZWOOOO...


IN ORDER TO BREAK A GENJUTSU, YOU NEED A PARTNER WHO CAN AGITATE YOUR CHAKRA AND WAKE YOU UP.
PKIP PKIP
MY PARTNER IS THE EIGHT TAILS INSIDE ME.
GENJUTSU DON'T WORK AGAINST JINCHÛRIKI HOSTS WHO HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR BIJU.


!


ZWOOO
YOUR ILLUSIONS I OBLITERATE, THEN Y'ALL I SHALL ANNIHILATE ♪
MY TRUE MODE AS THE BIJU'S ABODE ...


...IS THAT OF A MONSTA', SEE I TOLD YA ♪
HOST TRANS-FORMATION, YO ♪

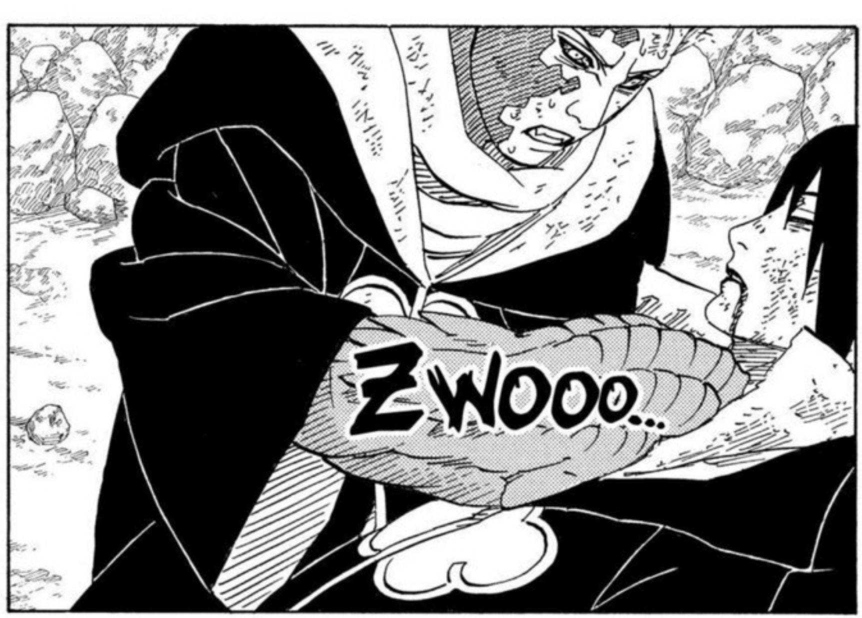

VVW OO OSH
NOW LOOK UPON ME AS I MAKE YA PEE ALL IN YOUR PANTS, YA LIL' ANTS ♪
...




Number 414: Raging Bull
SUCH CHAKRA... CAN'T BE... NO WAY...
A MONSTER OX...
...SO THIS IS HIS TRUE FORM, EH...
THOMP


TO SPEAR MY FOES I WAS BORN ♪
...A GLORIOUS LONGHORN ♪
WHEEEEEEE!!!


HIS CHAKRA IS OFF THE CHARTS. WE CAN'T STAY HERE... WE'LL BE KILLED!!
JUGO, ARE YOU DONE YET?!


ZWOOO...


UNH...


OH, PHEW, HE'S ALIVE. ♡
BACK WITH US, SASUKE?!
C'MON, HURRY AND WAKE UP!


SQULCH

HNNFF
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
HNNFF










NO ...!
!!
SPLOOSH
KERPLOOSH
FWOO
SO YOU ARE A WATER-STYLE SHINOBI...
...AND YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE TERRAIN.
I'VE GOT IT HERE.
RUN WHILE YOU CAN!



LET'S GO, SASUKE!

FWOP

SUIGETSU...

HUF

HUF

ZWOOOO

YO, I'M NOT LETTING Y'ALL GET AWAY THIS LATE IN THE GAME, FOOLS, YA FOOLS!

HEH... I CAN'T BELIEVE...

I'VE VOLUNTEERED MY OWN BODY TO COVER THEM, SO MANY TIMES...

VWEEN

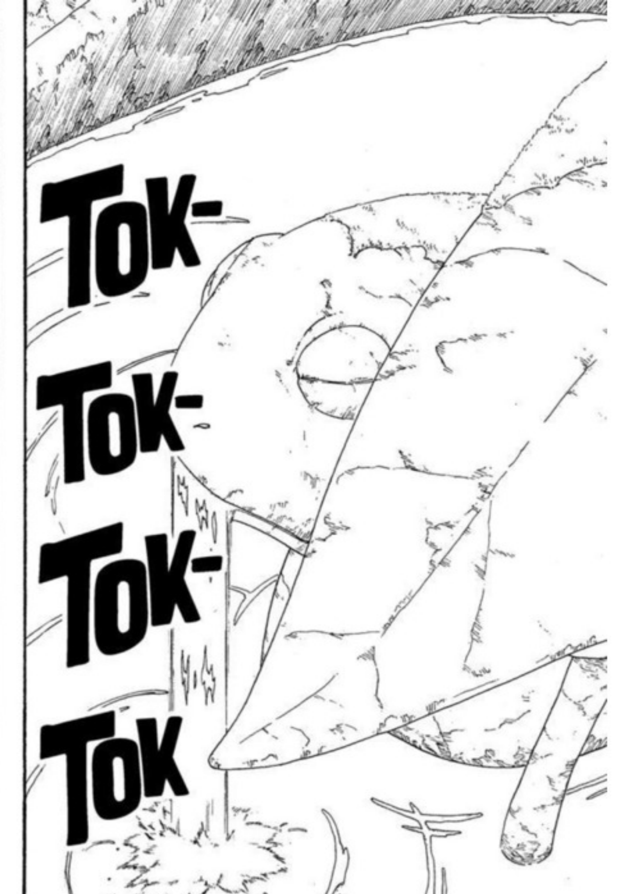
ZWOOOOOOOOOSH

TAK


SHOOM
TH-THAT REALLY DOESN'T LOOK GOOD!!
RRA
ARA
FOOSH
FWSH
AARGH!!
VWOOOOO

KABOOM

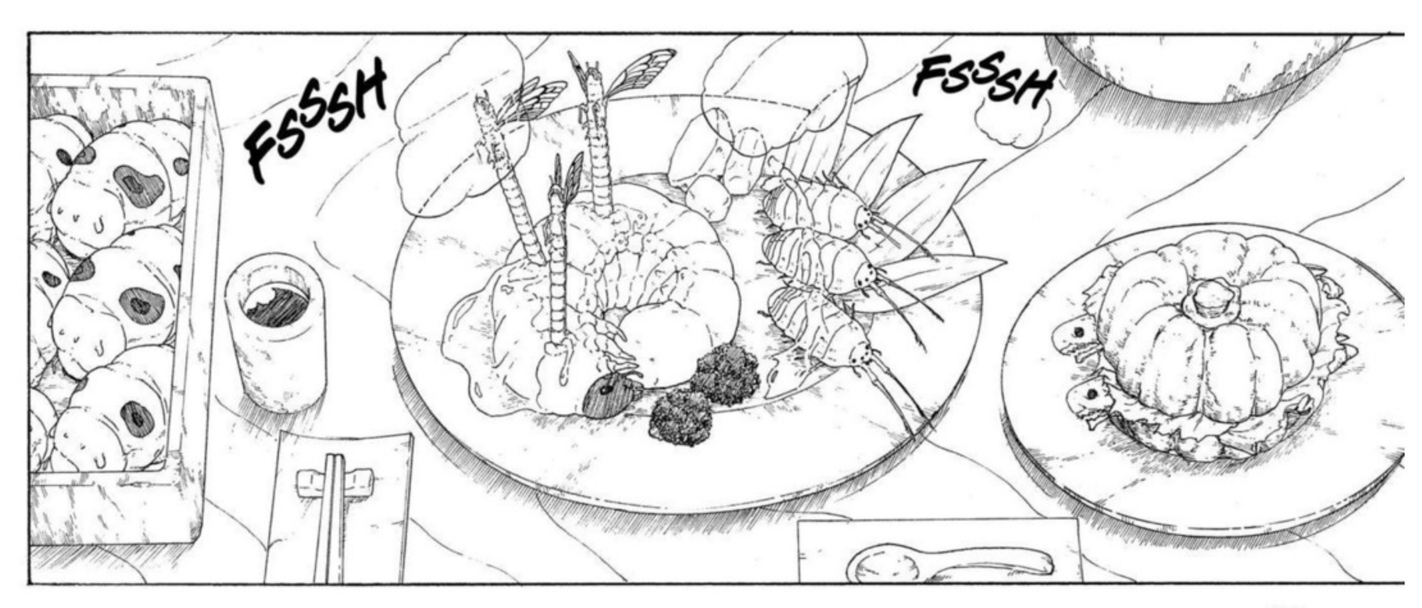



TOK-
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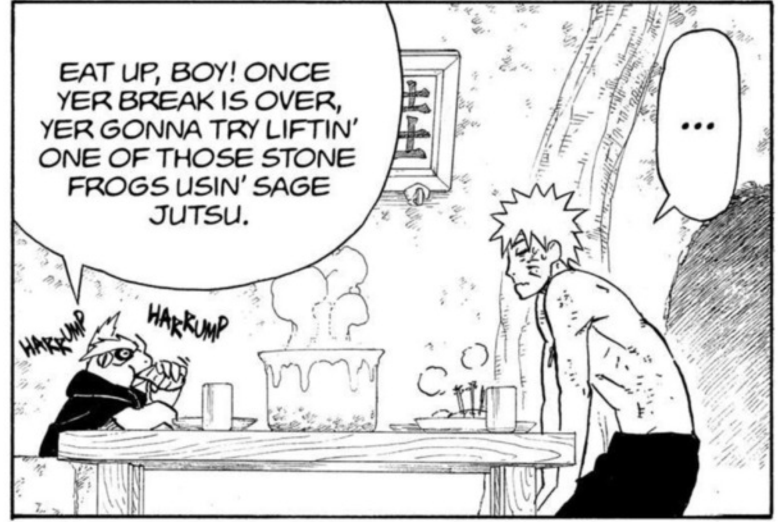

I CAN SEE IT!!


IT SEEMS HE'S FINALLY STARTIN' TA BE ABLE TA SENSE NATURE ENERGY.


WOOHOO! WOOHOO!
NARUTO-BOY, TIME TA TAKE A BREAK. LET'S GO EAT.

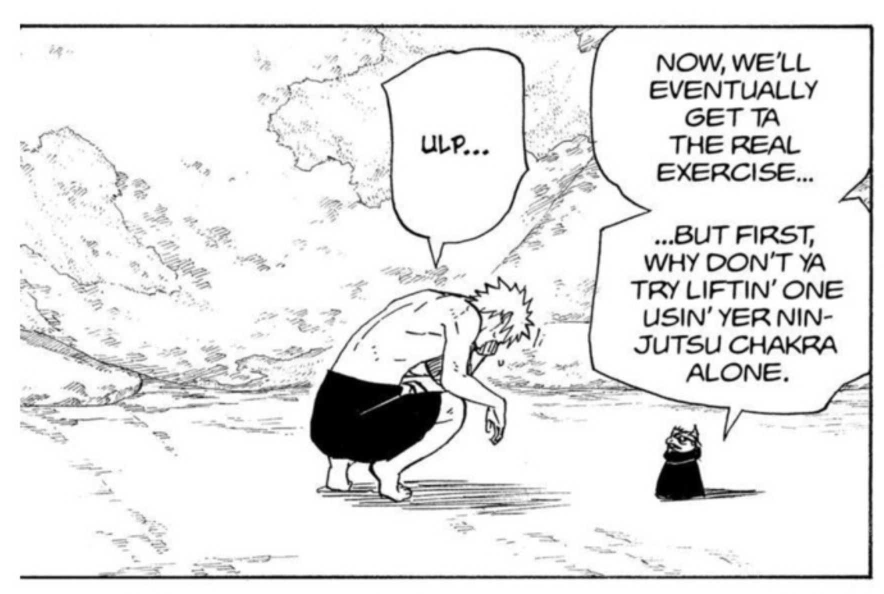

FSSSH
FSSSH


READ
THIS
WAY


...
EAT UP, BOY! ONCE YER BREAK IS OVER, YER GONNA TRY LIFTIN' ONE OF THOSE STONE FROGS USIN' SAGE JUTSU.
HARRUMP
HARRUMP


Y...
YESSIR !!




NOW, WE'LL EVENTUALLY GET TA THE REAL EXERCISE...
...BUT FIRST, WHY DON'T YA TRY LIFTIN' ONE USIN' YER NIN-JUTSU CHAKRA ALONE.
ULP...


O-
OK...
FSH




SHKUK
RIGHT-
O!

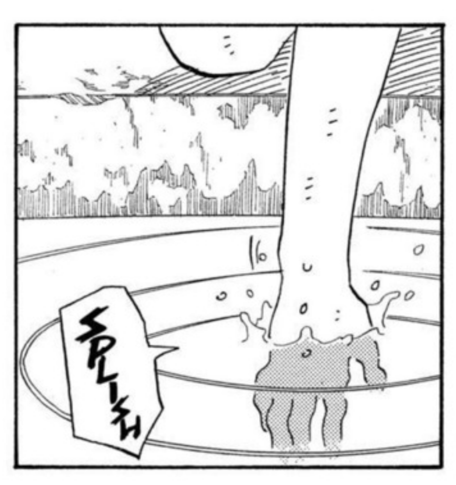
SHKKK

GRRR RRRRR!! WON'T BUDGE...!!!

ALL RIGHT, STOP!!





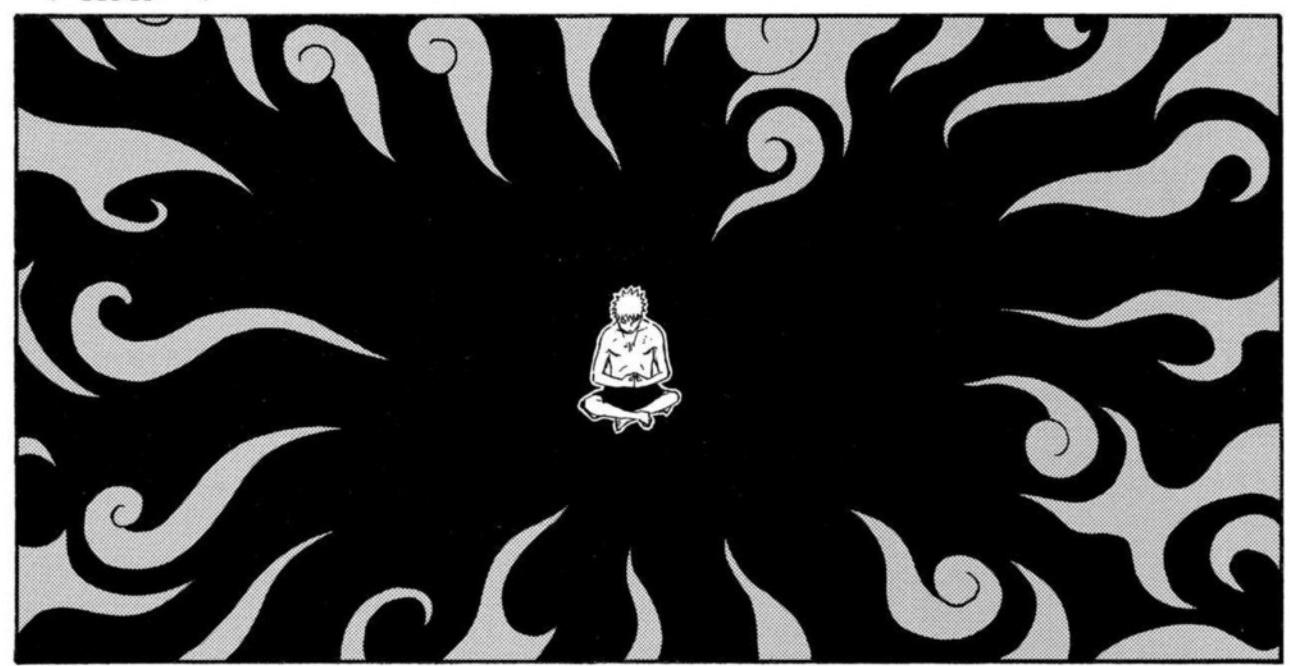


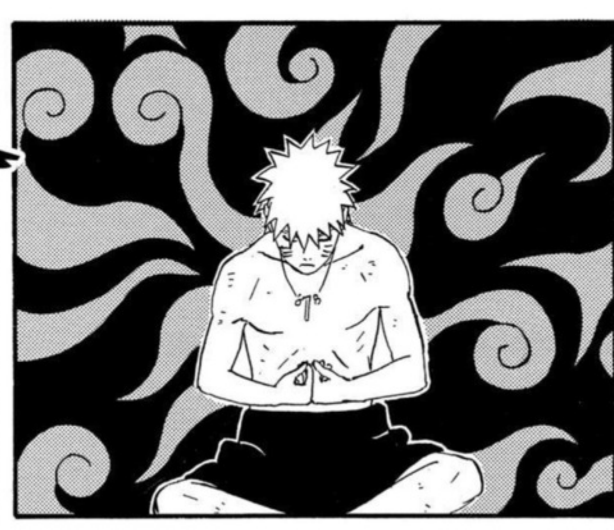







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SHK
EEN

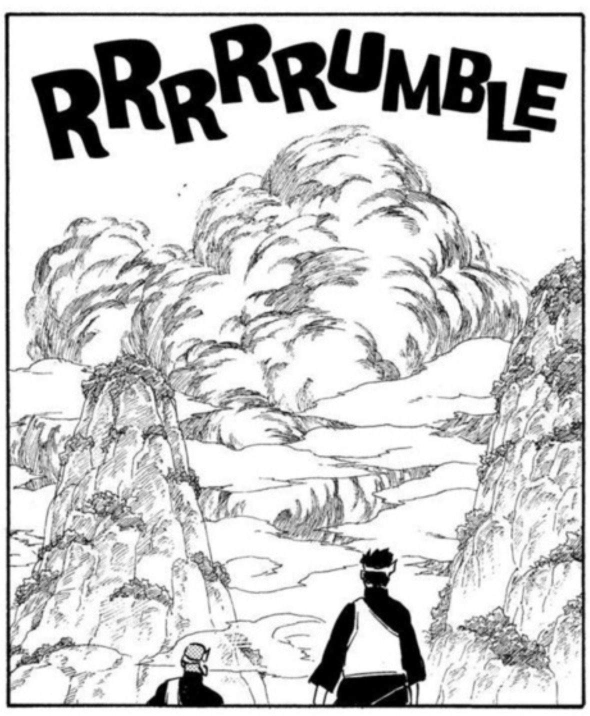

GOOD! NOW TRY LIFTIN' THIS HERE STONE FROG AGAIN!


SHK
UK
SURE !!


GRRR RRRR RRRR!!

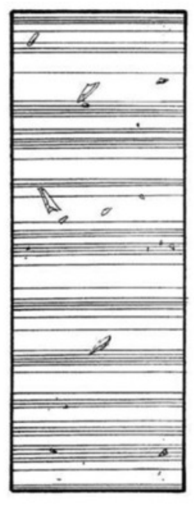

GLOP
YAH!!
THIS LAD'S QUICKER ON THE UPTAKE THAN JIRAIYA-BOY!
NICE, NARUTO!
THOOM
SHWOOO!
I DID IT! I LIFTED IT UP!
SPROINK
SPROINK
FOOL! DON'T LET IT KEEL OVER!
HOW DARE YOU DO SUCH A THING TO YOUR PREDE-CESSOR!
THOUGH HE'S A LOT DENSER THAN JIRAIYA-BOY, TOO...


READ
THIS
WAY


RRRRRUMBLE


DON'T TELL ME THAT'S LORD KILLER BEE'S...
WH-WHAT IS IT, PARTNER ?!


COME!
YES-SIR!
TAK




SHOOM SHOOM




!!
TH-THAT'S ...!


LORD KILLER BEE... WHY HAS HE TRANS-FORMED INTO EIGHT TAILS?!
AND AFTER ALL THAT LECTURING FROM LORD RAIKAGE!
SIR, LOOK BELOW!
HE'S BATTLING SOMEONE!
!
THOSE ROBES... ARE THEY AKATSUKI?
THE ONES WHO TOOK YUGITO AWAY...


READ
THIS
WAY


I CAN'T BELIEVE SUIGETSU IS ALL MESSED UP... GAH!


WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET AWAY... SO WHAT NOW?!


HUF
HUF



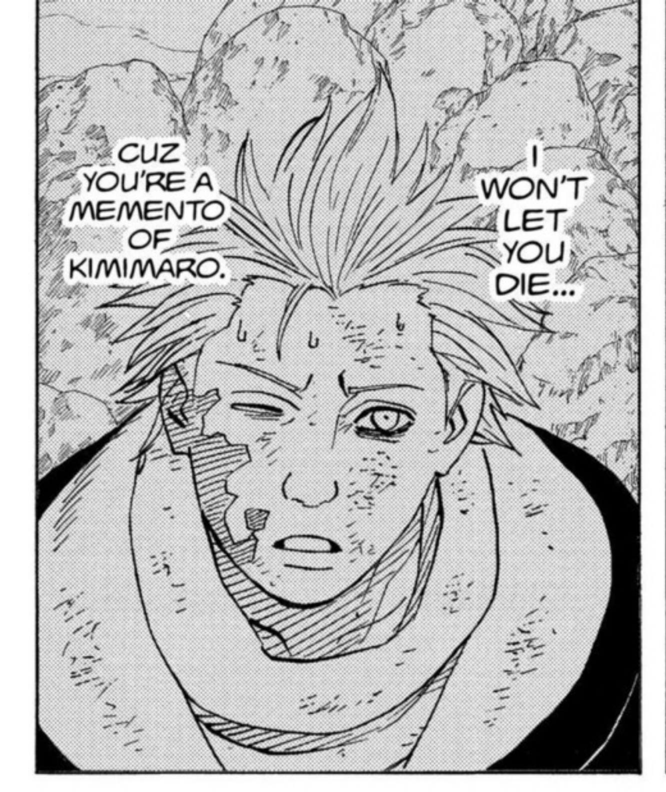

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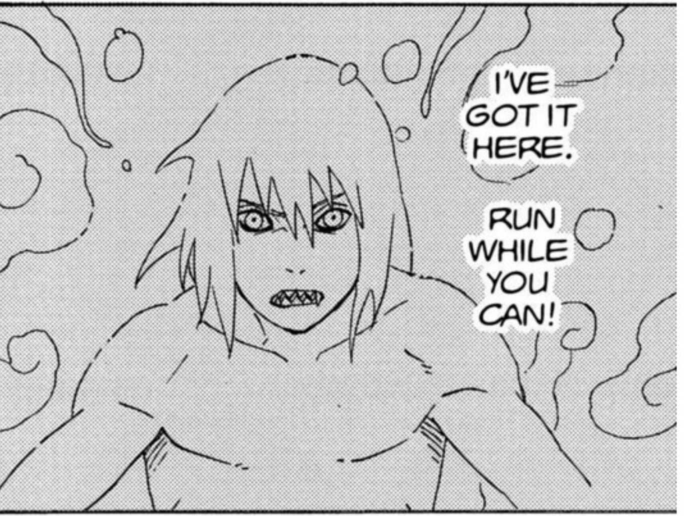

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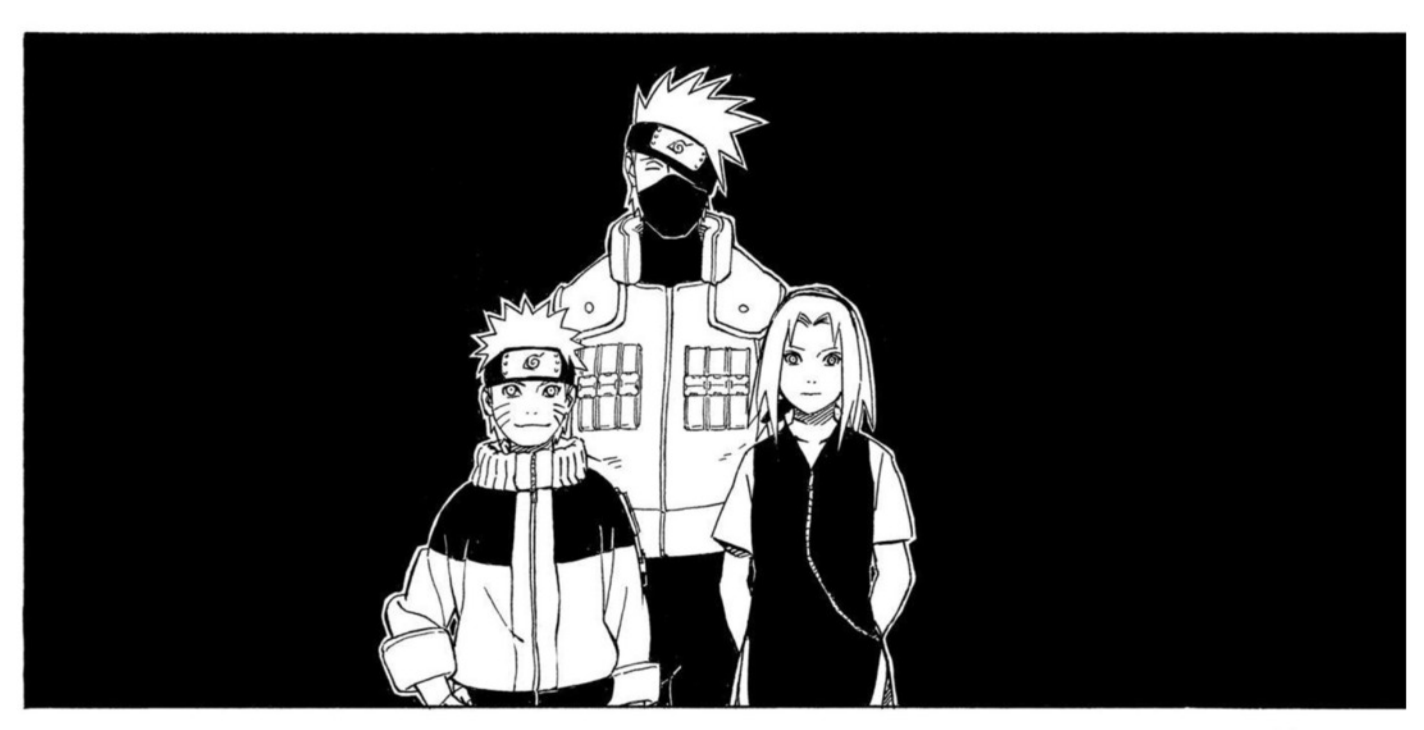

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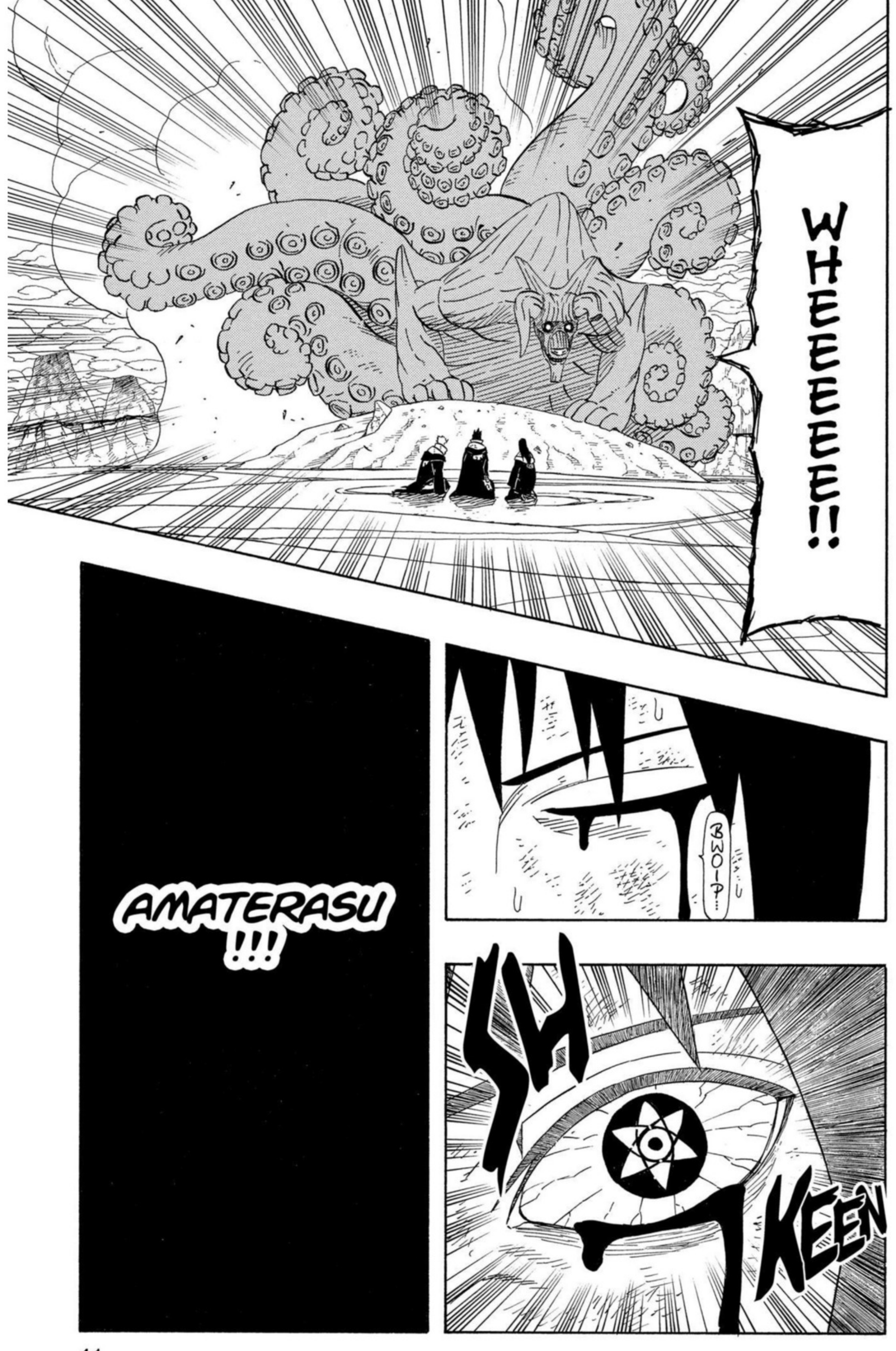

HERE! HURRY UP AND BITE ME, SASUKE!


I WON'T LET YOU DIE...
CUZ YOU'RE A MEMENTO OF KIMIMARO.


I'VE GOT IT HERE.
RUN WHILE YOU CAN!


...





WHEEEEEE!!
BWOIP...
AMATERASU!!!
SHKEEN


NARUTO



Number 415: New Powers!!
VWOOOOOO


Number 415: New Powers!!
FA BO OSH
AAARGH!!
FABOOOSH
WH-WHOA ...!
S-SO THESE ARE THE INEXTINGUISHABLE BLACK FLAMES SASUKE MENTIONED!
HNNFT

AAAARGH!!

SPLOOSH

TOK

UGH!

SPRRSHH

YAAARGH!







READ THIS WAY
FWTAP
SPLOOSH
TAK
SPLAAAAT
SPLAT
AIEE!
SPLAT
VOOWW
!
SRRSSRH


HUF
HUF
!
ZIZZLE
ZIZZLE
VWOO
!
GLUB-GLUB-GLUB-GLUB GLUB GLUB
KARIN, RUN!
AIEE!
BWHAM
SPLOOSH
TOK
SPLAT


GAH! SHE'S ON FIRE!!
...KARIN'S A GONER! WE NEED TO GET AWAY BEFORE WE GET CAUGHT TOO!!


FABOOOSHH
WAIT, JUGO!
FTOK
NO!


FSH

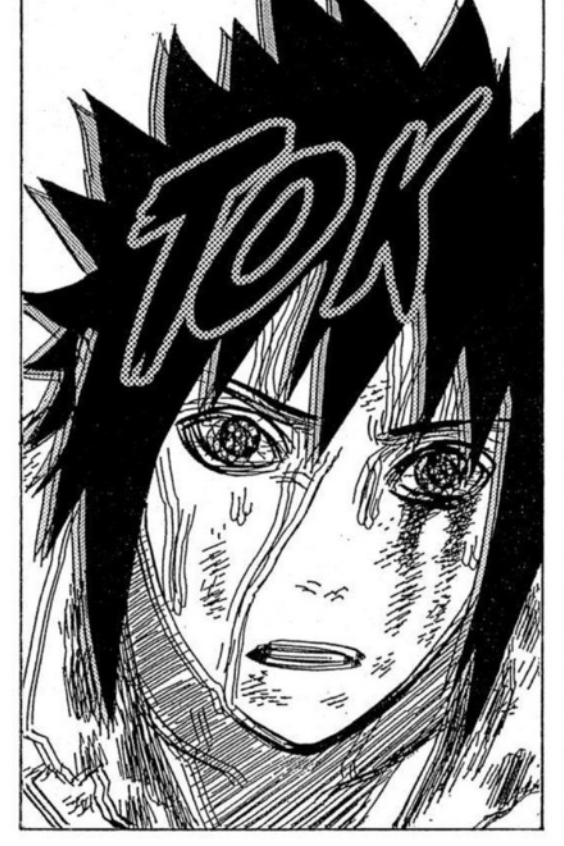

ZWUP


KARIN!




ZWOO...


FIZZLE...


TOK

FWISS...

I PUT IT OUT...!
SHKUK

WHAT ...?

AAARGH!!
!

JUGO! GRAB KARIN!
HURRY!

!
ZWOO

VWOOOOO

AAARGH!!

FABOOOOSHH

FWAP

FWOP





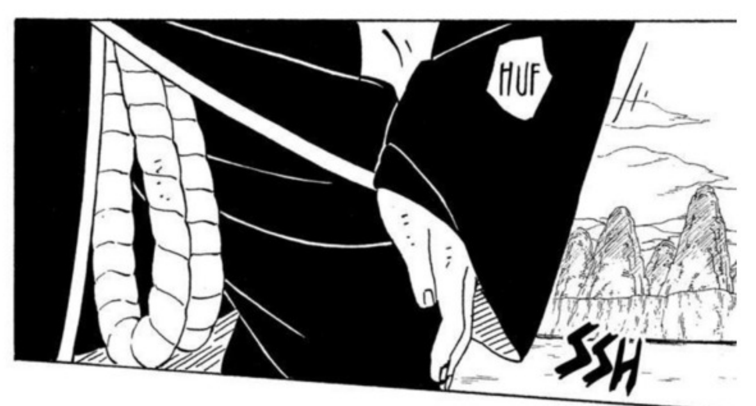




HUF
I WAS ABLE TO EXTINGUISH...
...THE BLACK FLAMES OF AMATE-RASU...
HUF



HUF
IS THIS ANOTHER POWER OF THE MANGEKYO?!
HUF



HUF
SSH



FABOOOSHH
IN WHICH CASE...

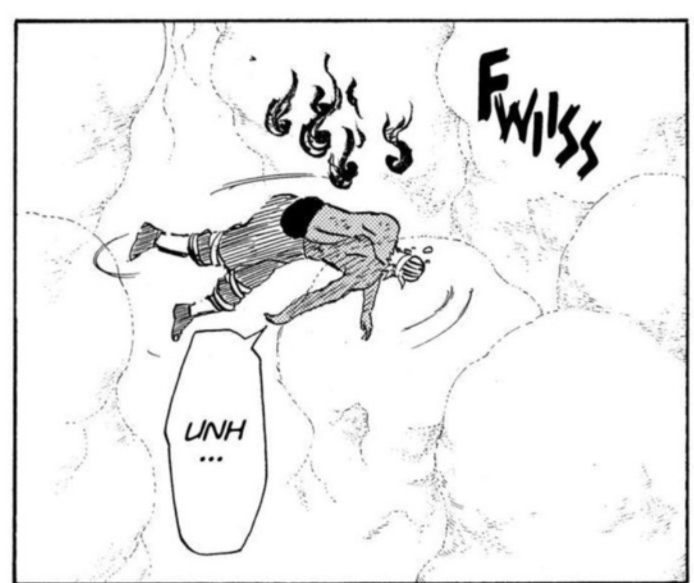


AAARGH ...


READ
THIS
WAY

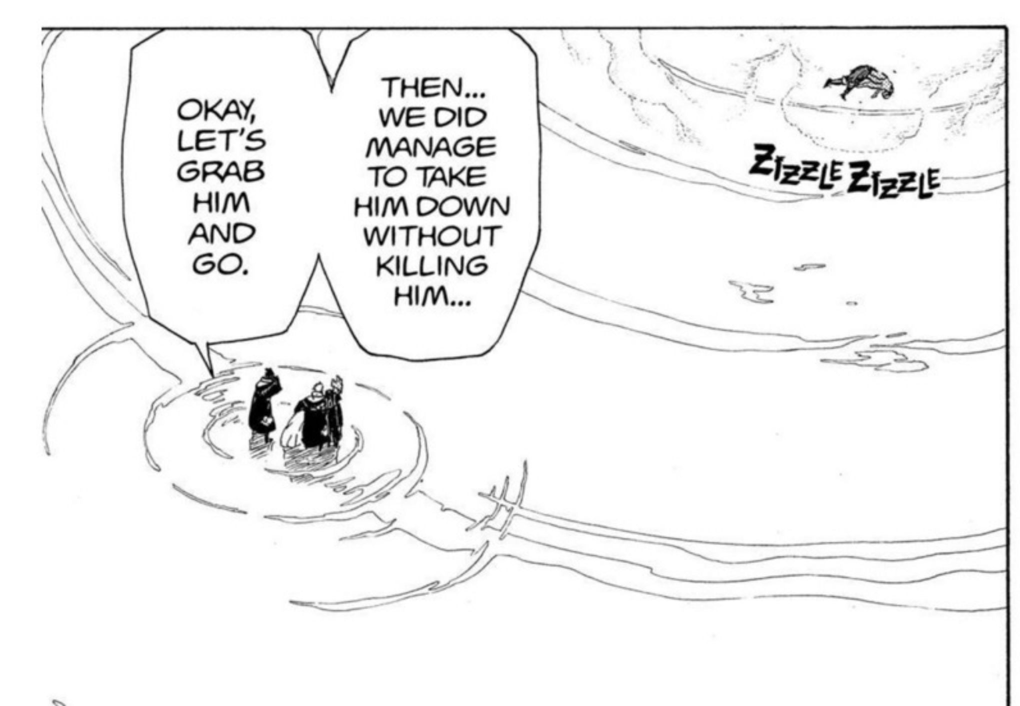

SHKEEN


FSSHHH-FSSHHH-FSSH


FWISS
UNH
...


UGH...


EIGHT TAILS... HE'S STILL ALIVE.
...BUT JUST BARELY.

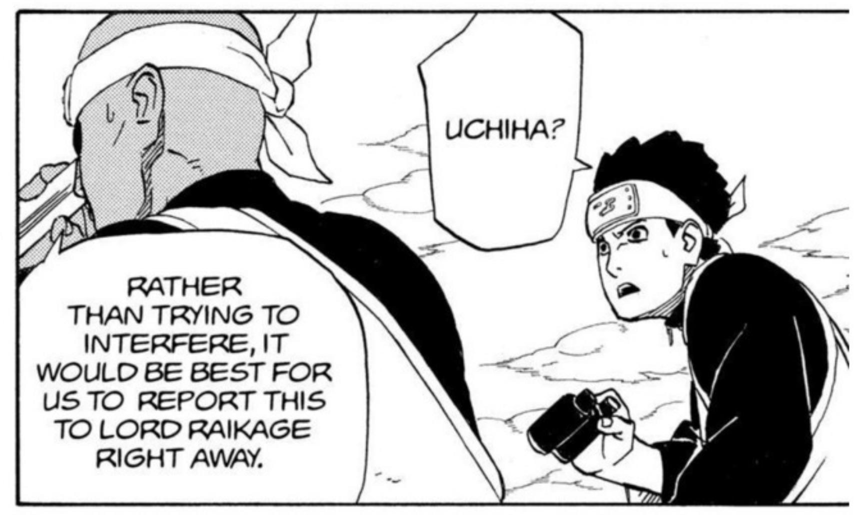

ZIZZLE ZIZZLE
THEN... WE DID MANAGE TO TAKE HIM DOWN WITHOUT KILLING HIM...
OKAY, LET'S GRAB HIM AND GO.

DON'T TELL ME LORD KILLER BEE'S BEEN TAKEN DOWN...?
IT CAN'T BE...
WHO AND WHAT ARE THEY?!



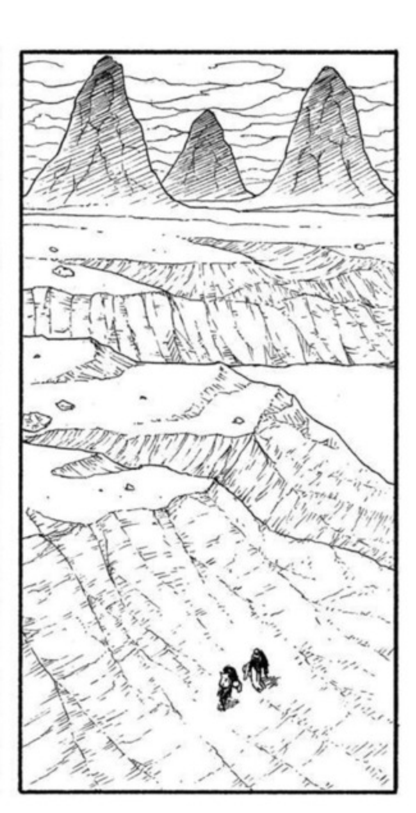






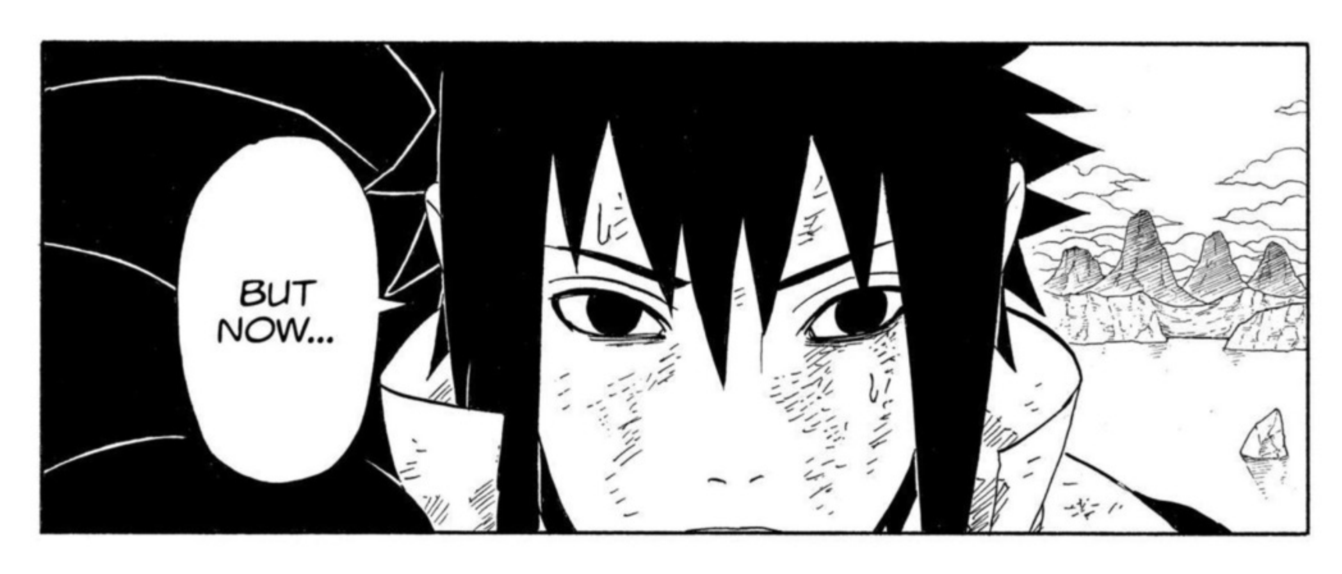


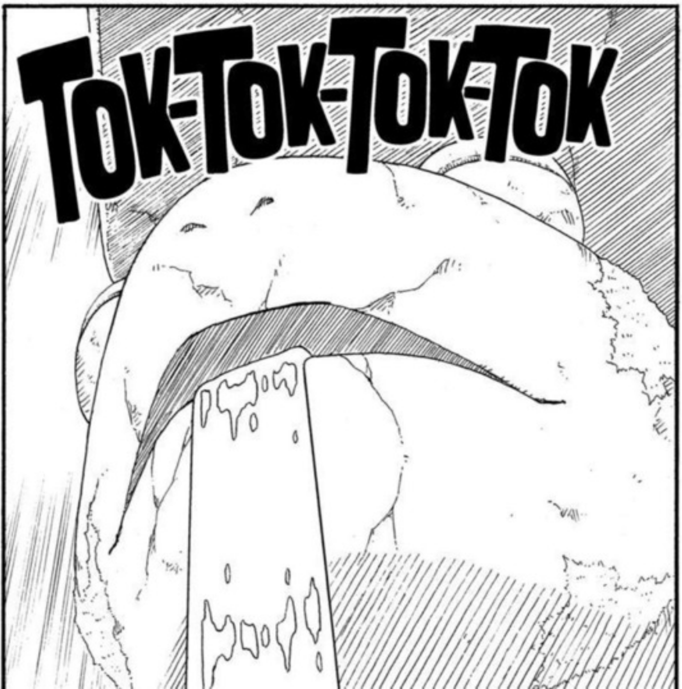

READ
THIS
WAY




YOU SEEM QUITE AFFECTED, PHYSICALLY.
ESPECIALLY SINCE IN ADDITION TO NO LONGER HAVING OROCHIMARU'S CURSE MARK ...
...YOU HAVEN'T QUITE HEALED FROM YOUR BATTLE AGAINST ITACHI.

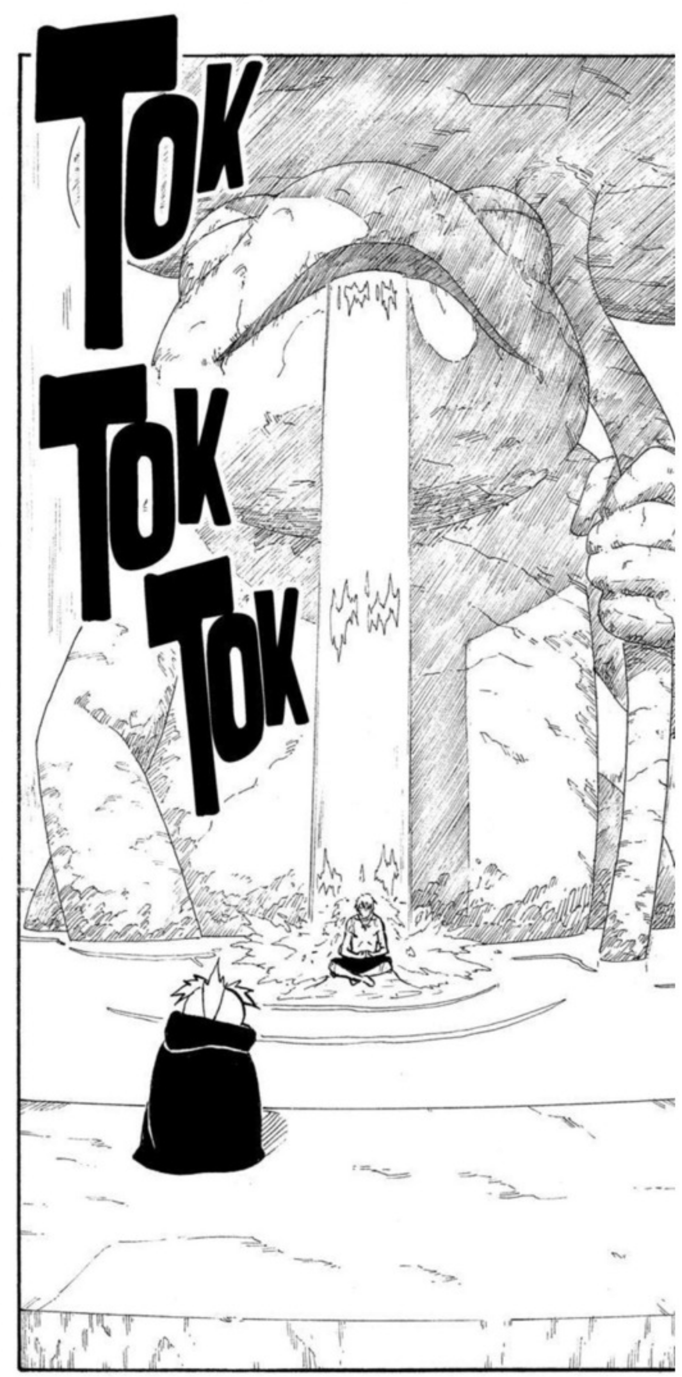

YEAH...
...THOUGH I REALLY DIDN'T EXPECT WE'D HAVE SUCH A FIGHT ON OUR HANDS.
SHUP


BUT NOW...


TOK-TOK-TOK-TOK

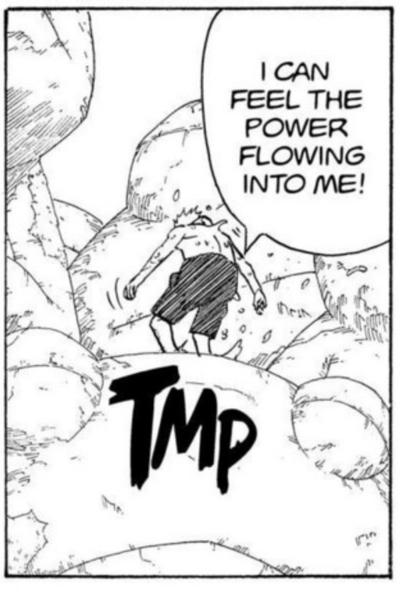

IT APPEARS YA'VE MASTERED TOAD OIL-ASSISTED CONTROL.




TOK
TOK
TOK

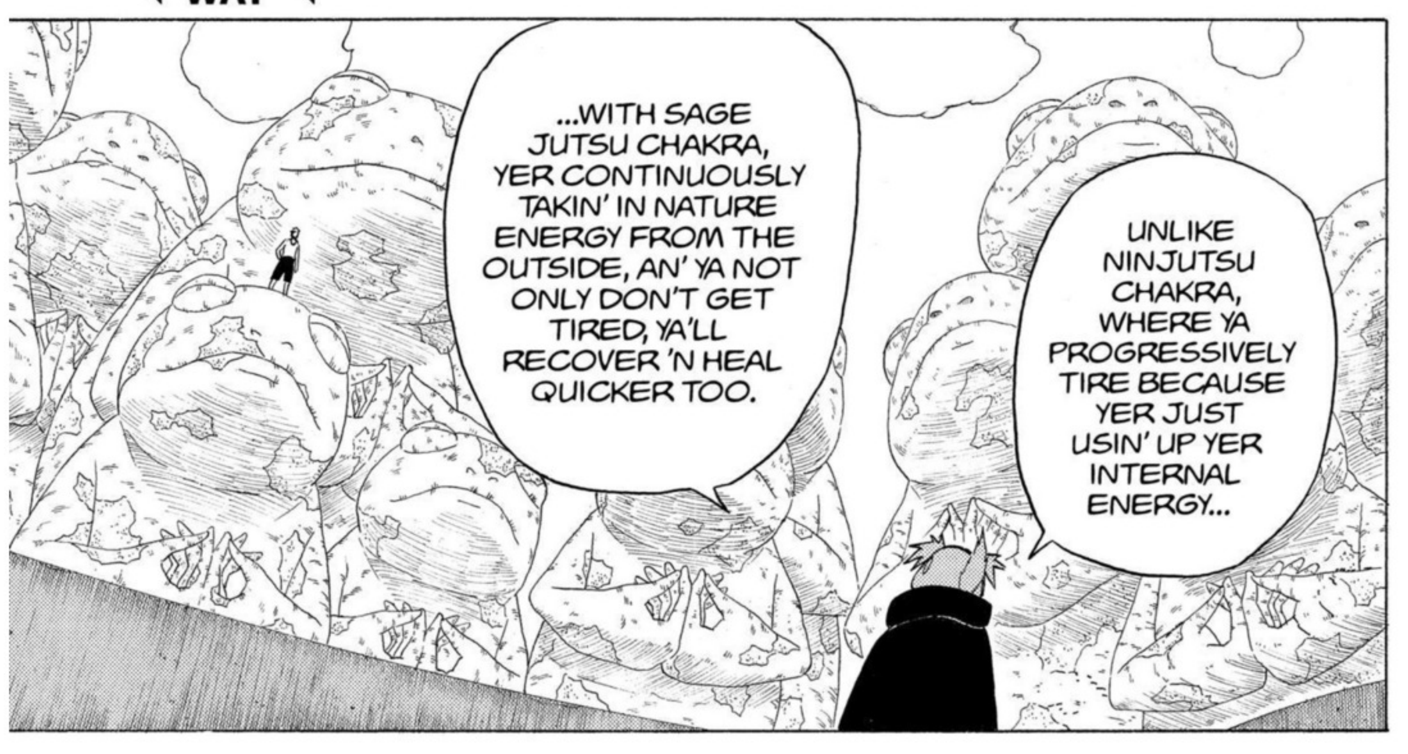

NOW YA NEED TO MASTER CONTROLLIN' NATURE ENERGY WITHOUT USIN' TOAD OIL.


SPRRSHH


I CAN FEEL THE POWER FLOWING INTO ME!
TMP


...


READ THIS WAY


UNLIKE NINJUTSU CHAKRA, WHERE YA PROGRESSIVELY TIRE BECAUSE YER JUST USIN' UP YER INTERNAL ENERGY...
...WITH SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA, YER CONTINUOUSLY TAKIN' IN NATURE ENERGY FROM THE OUTSIDE, AN' YA NOT ONLY DON'T GET TIRED, YA'LL RECOVER 'N HEAL QUICKER TOO.


HUH...



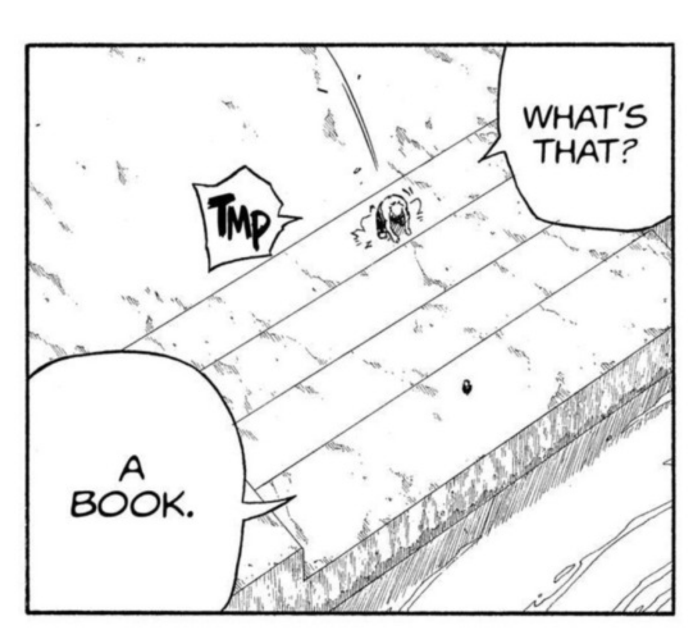

NOW MAYBE I CAN DO *THAT* TOO...


WELL... WITH NINE TAILS' CHAKRA IN THE MIX TOO, HE'S SHOWIN' A TRULY OUTLANDISH RECOVERY RATE...


WHAT?


!
EH?!
OH! NO, NO!
IT'S NOTHING!


NEVER MIND, THEN... BUT HERE.
I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YA THIS TODAY, NARUTO-BOY.
FSH


WHAT'S THAT?
TMP
A BOOK.


A BOOK?
SSH

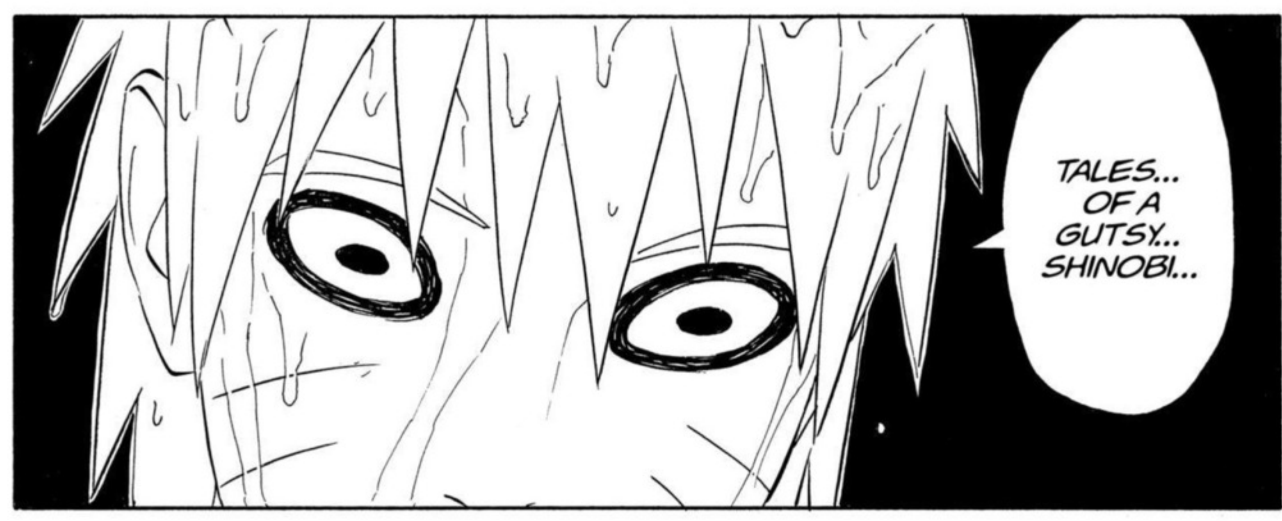

IT'S JIRAIYA-BOY'S FIRST NOVEL.
A LOT OF JIRAIYA-BOY'S MIND 'N HEART ARE CONTAINED WITHIN...


READ THIS WAY


...


YA OUGHTA READ IT.


TALES OF A GUTSY SHINOBI


TALES... OF A GUTSY... SHINOBI...


NARUTO


THUNK THUNK THUNK THUNK THUNK THUNK
READY TO GIVE UP YET?
HUF
FSH
HUF
HUF
I'M STARTING TO TIRE OF OUR GAME OF TAG.
WHIISH
Number 416: Tales of a Gutsy Shinobi


FRRLL
!
BOOF
SMOKE BOMBS!!
KLANG KLANG
KLANG KLANG
!









I JUST HAVE ONE THING TO SAY ...

SURREN-DER.

DWHAM

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HEARING IT... GIVE UP ALREADY!!

THWACK

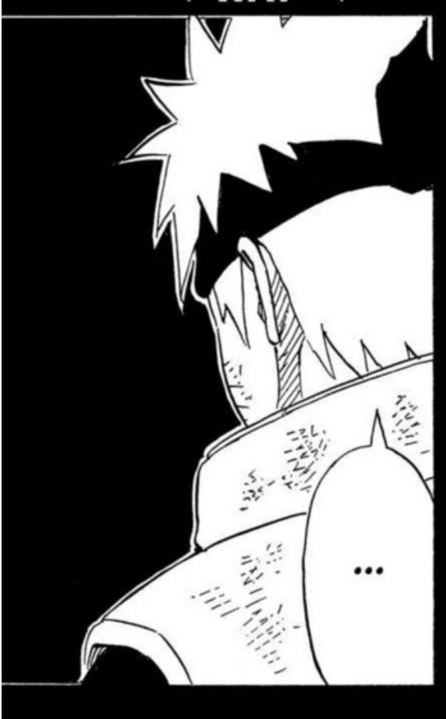

!
GIVE UP...
BOOF
?!

...TRYING TO MAKE ME GIVE UP.
THOK
!
A SHADOW DOPPELGANGER!
SHNN
TOK
WHACK


READ
THIS
WAY


UGH...
...E-EVEN IF YOU TAKE ME OUT, ANOTHER ASSASSIN WILL JUST COME TO ATTACK YOUR VILLAGE ...


HEH HEH HEH ...
AS LONG AS WE LIVE IN THIS CURSED SHINOBI WORLD... THERE WILL NEVER BE PEACE...


...


IN THAT CASE ...


...I'LL BREAK THE CURSE.


IF THERE'S SUCH A THING AS PEACE, I'LL FIND IT!
I'M NOT GIVING UP.


...

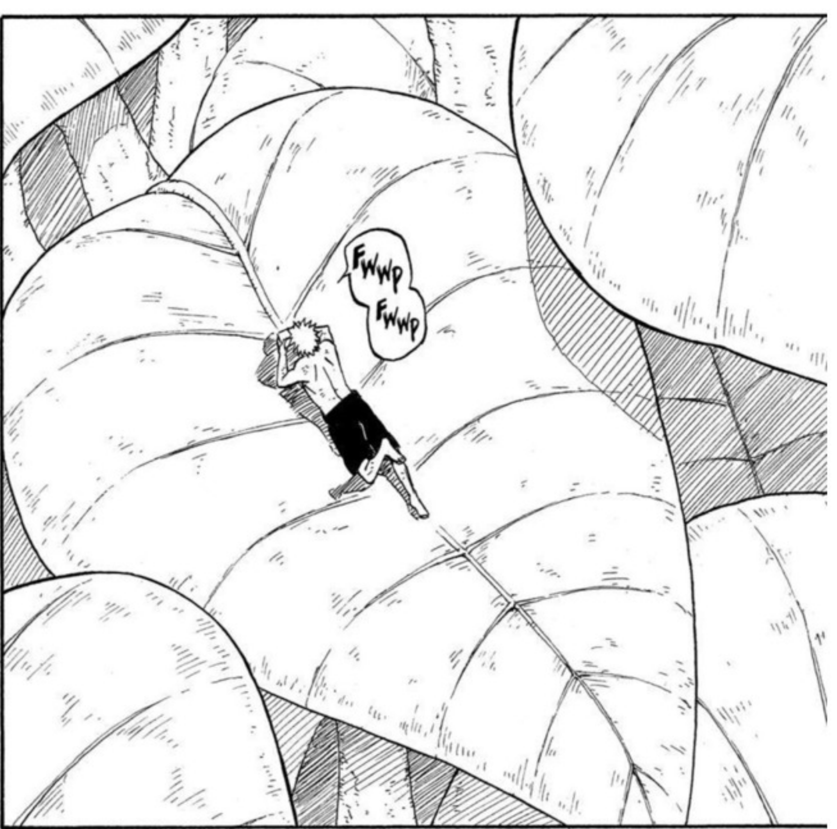

WH-WHO ARE YOU ...?

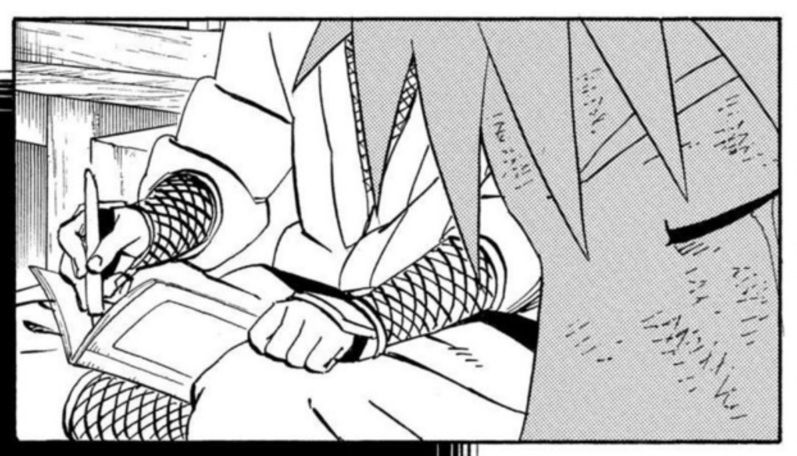

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MY NAME IS...

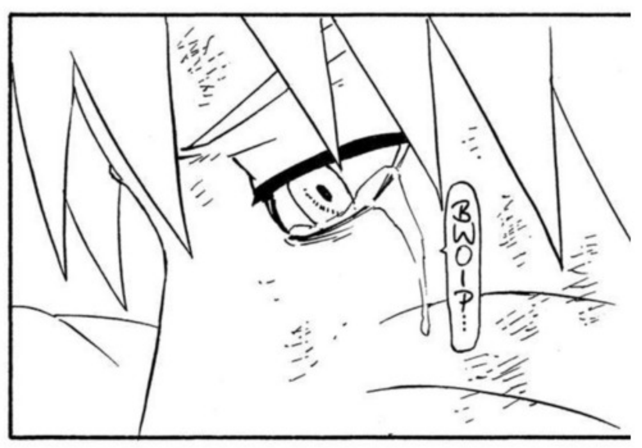

SNF SNF...
TALES OF A GUTSY SHINOBI


FRKL LP




FWWP FWWP




BWOIP...


READ THIS WAY
SASUKE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SEVER HIS BOND WITH ME AND BECOME STRONGER...
...AND THAT I COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND HIS FEEL-INGS...
...
YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH OROCHIMARU WAY BACK, RIGHT, PERVY SAGE?
SO WHY DID OROCHI-MARU DESERT THE VILLAGE...
...AND DECIDE TO DESTROY KONOHA?
OROCHI-MARU WENT LOONY AFTER HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED.
THAT'S WHEN HE BECAME OBSESSED WITH FORBIDDEN JUTSU.
...I DON'T KNOW IF HE WAS TRYING TO RESURRECT HIS PARENTS OR WREAK VENGEANCE ON THE VILLAGE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DEATHS.
MY PARENTS WEREN'T KILLED, SO...
I'M LIKE YOU...
...HE YELLED AT ME THAT I DIDN'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING...
...PERHAPS HE WAS RIGHT, AND I DIDN'T...


...
BUT...
...EVEN I CAN SEE THERE'S TOO MUCH HATE IN OUR SHINOBI WORLD...
HATE ...?
I'M ALWAYS THINKING THAT I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS HATRED...
...BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW TO GO ABOUT IT YET...
BUT I TRULY BELIEVE ...
...THAT EVENTUALLY THE DAY WILL COME WHEN ALL PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER AND LIVE IN HARMONY!!
WOW, THAT'S KINDA DEEP.



WELL THEN, IF I CAN'T FIND THE SOLUTION MYSELF, SHALL I PASS THE QUEST ON TO YOU?!

SWSH

YES-SIR!!

CAN'T REFUSE YOUR ORDERS, PERVY SAGE!

NWA-HA HA HA!!

HUH?

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!

I FEEL REDEEMED BY YOUR SMILING FACE.

HEH HEH...

I'M GLAD I MADE YOU MY STUDENT!

R-REALLY?!

BUT I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET, YOU KNOW!

I PLAN TO CHANGE THIS WORLD WITH MY BOOKS!

FSH

?

...

WITH THOSE BOOKS THAT DON'T SELL?

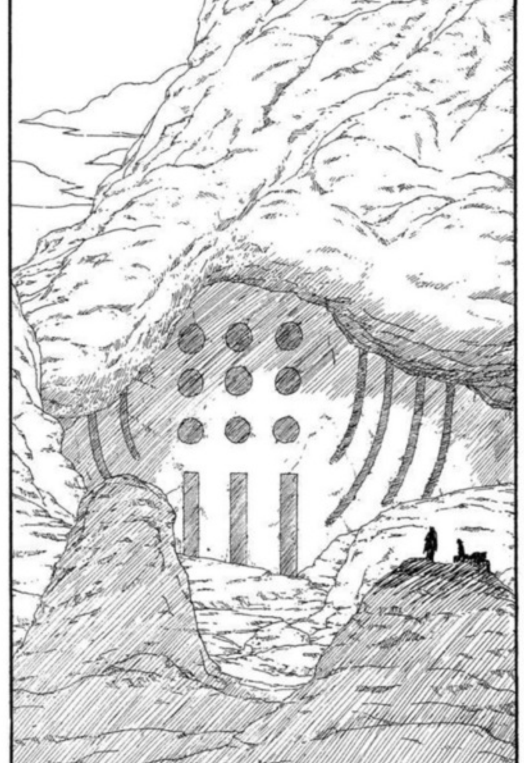
FOOL! THEY'LL BE BEST SELLERS BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

AND WHEN THAT DAY FINALLY ARRIVES, I WON'T AUTOGRAPH YOUR COPIES EVEN IF YOU BEG ME TO!

NO THANKS! DON'T WANT YOUR AUTOGRAPH ANYWAYS!

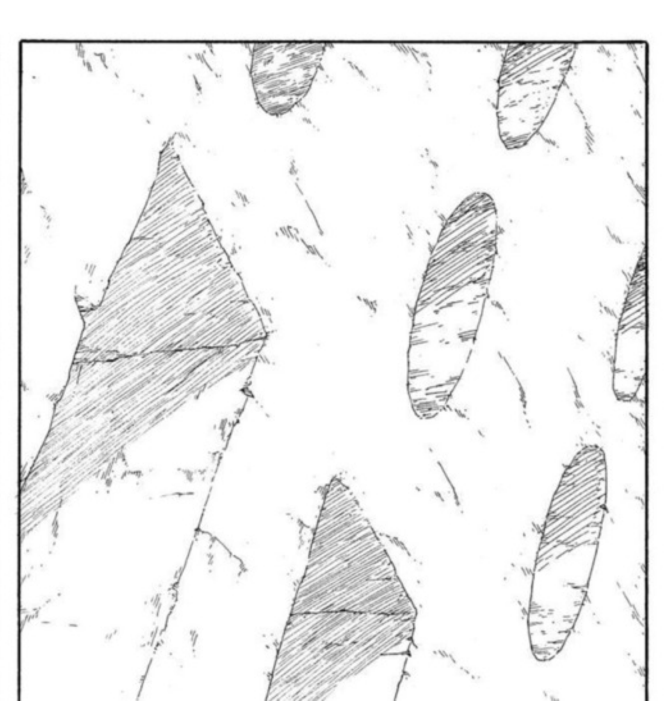




ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SASUKE?
YEAH... LET'S HURRY.
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE RENDEZ-VOUS POINT.

HUF
HUF

WHUMP



AS PROMISED, I'VE DELIVERED EIGHT TAILS TO YOU.

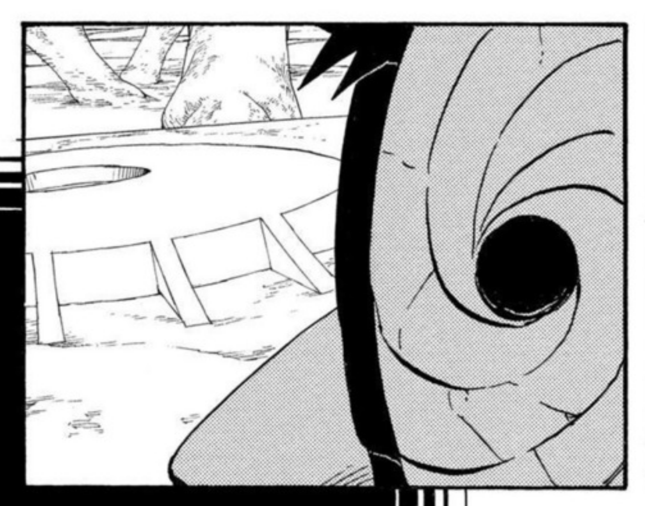

NICE WORK.
I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT.


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


FIRST, TO HEAL.
THEN...


...TO KONOHA.

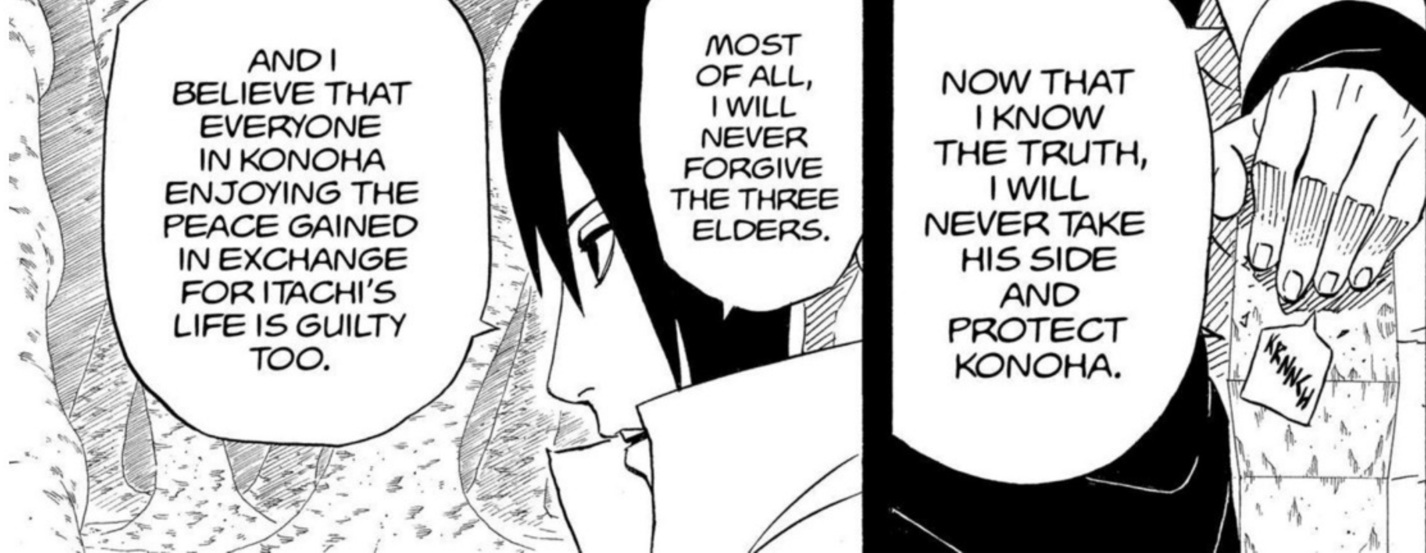

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SASUKE, I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
NOW THAT YOU KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT ITACHI AND HIS LIFE...
...THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU WILL TAKE ***HIS*** POSITION AND TRY TO PROTECT KONOHA.
...SO TELL ME THE TRUTH... WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS?

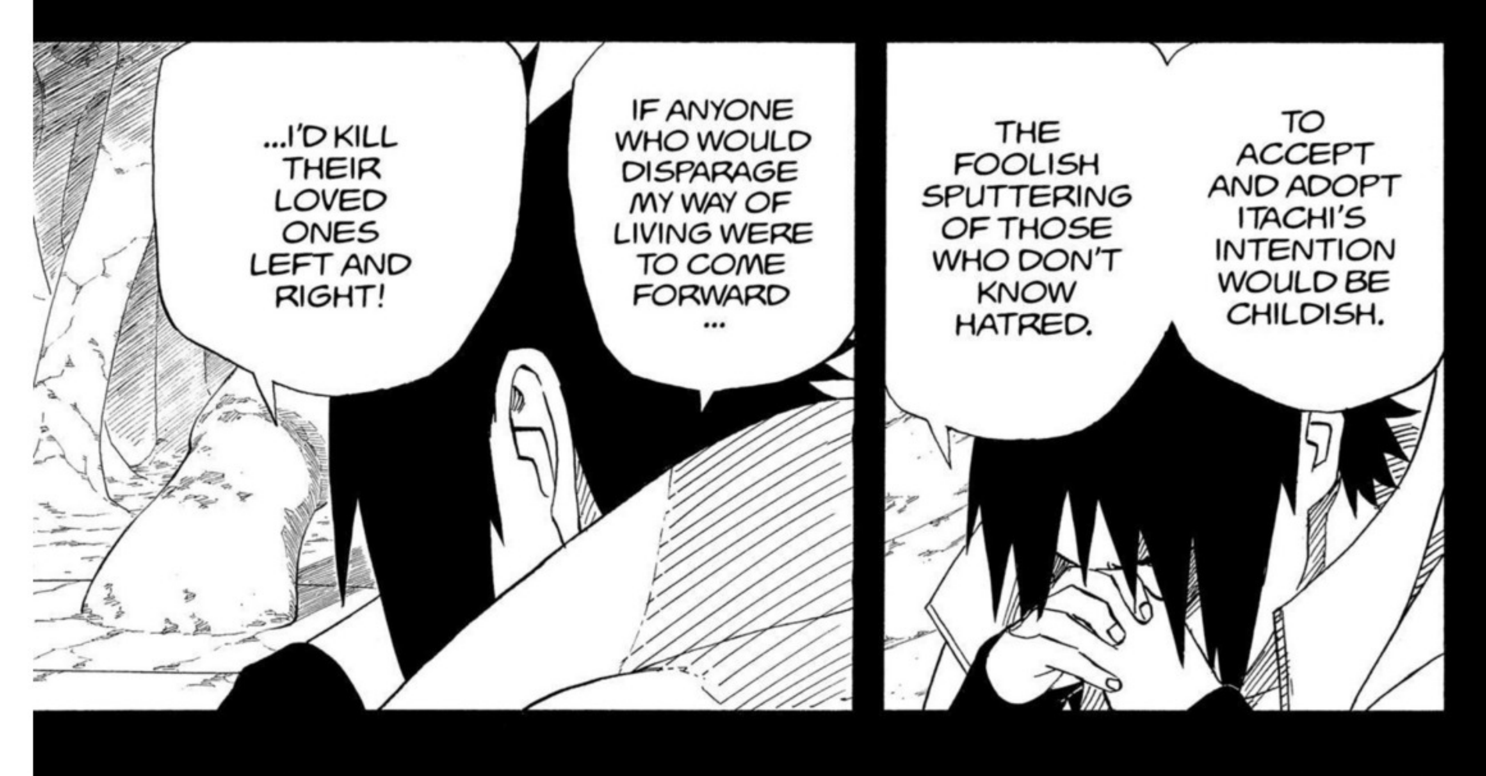
...
ITACHI'S LIFE SHOWS HOW HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE.
BUT MY GRIEF AT LOSING HIM IS DEEPER THAN ANY DESIRE TO FOLLOW HIS PATH...
...INCONSOLABLY SO.
I DO NOT WANT PEACE BOUGHT WITH ITACHI'S LIFE.

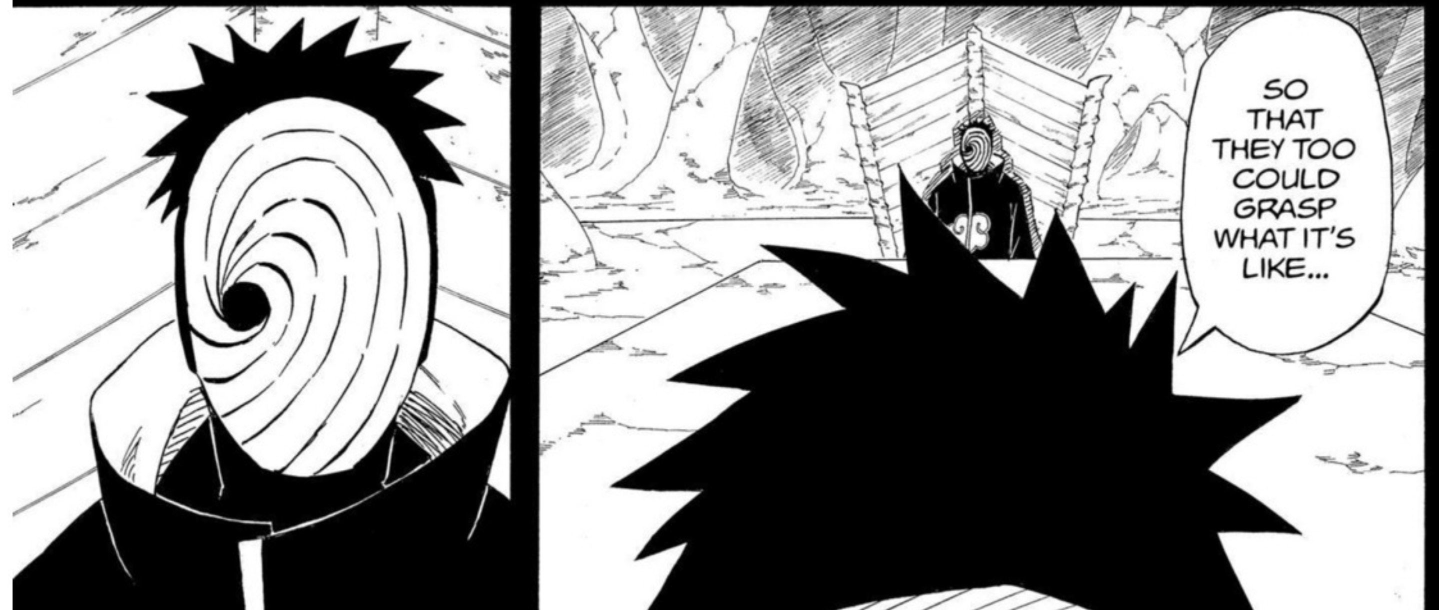



I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONLY GOING TO KILL THE ELDERS?
NO... I WANT TO SLAUGHTER ALL OF KONOHA, BUT **BY MYSELF**...
...I WAS JUST FEIGNING IN FRONT OF TAKA.
ARE YOU SURE?
YOU CAN IGNORE ITACHI'S WILL, HIS SACRIFICE...
...THOSE HE STROVE TO PROTECT?
YOU TOLD ME...
...THE REASON ITACHI COULDN'T KILL ME...
...WAS BECAUSE MY LIFE WAS MORE PRECIOUS THAN THE VILLAGE...
THEN I FEEL SIMILARLY...
THAT ITACHI'S LIFE IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN KONOHA...
THAT'S ALL.
THEY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST UCHIHA!
ORDERED MY BROTHER TO KILL OUR PARENTS!
AND IT WAS NOT ONLY THE ELDERS WHO CHASED ITACHI TO HIS DEATH...
BUT ALL THOSE IN KONOHA WHO ABIDE BY SENJU!
TO ME THEY ARE THE SCUM OF THE EARTH!

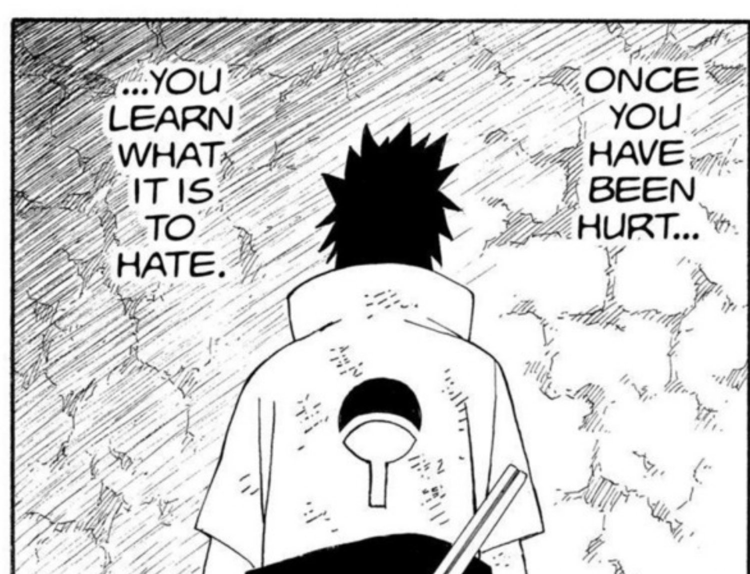

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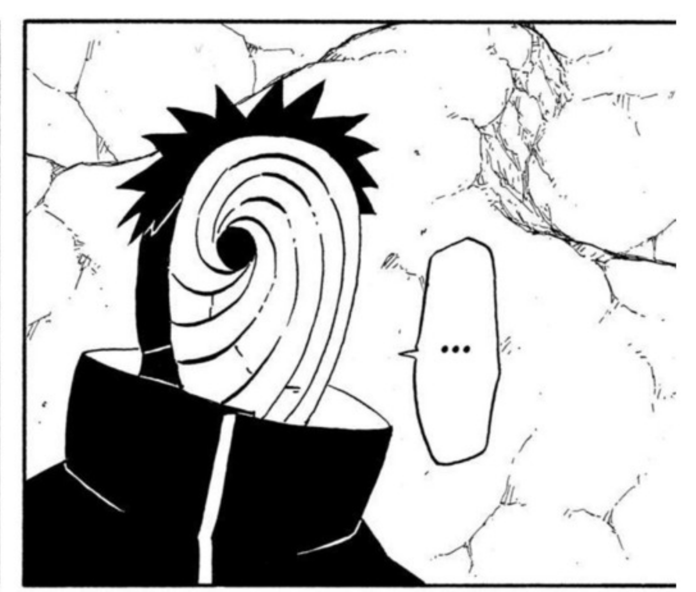

THEY ARE ALL OBJECTS OF MY VEN-GEANCE !!
...
IF YOU WANT TO RIDICULE ME AS A BRAT SWAYED BY HIS EMOTIONS, GO AHEAD.

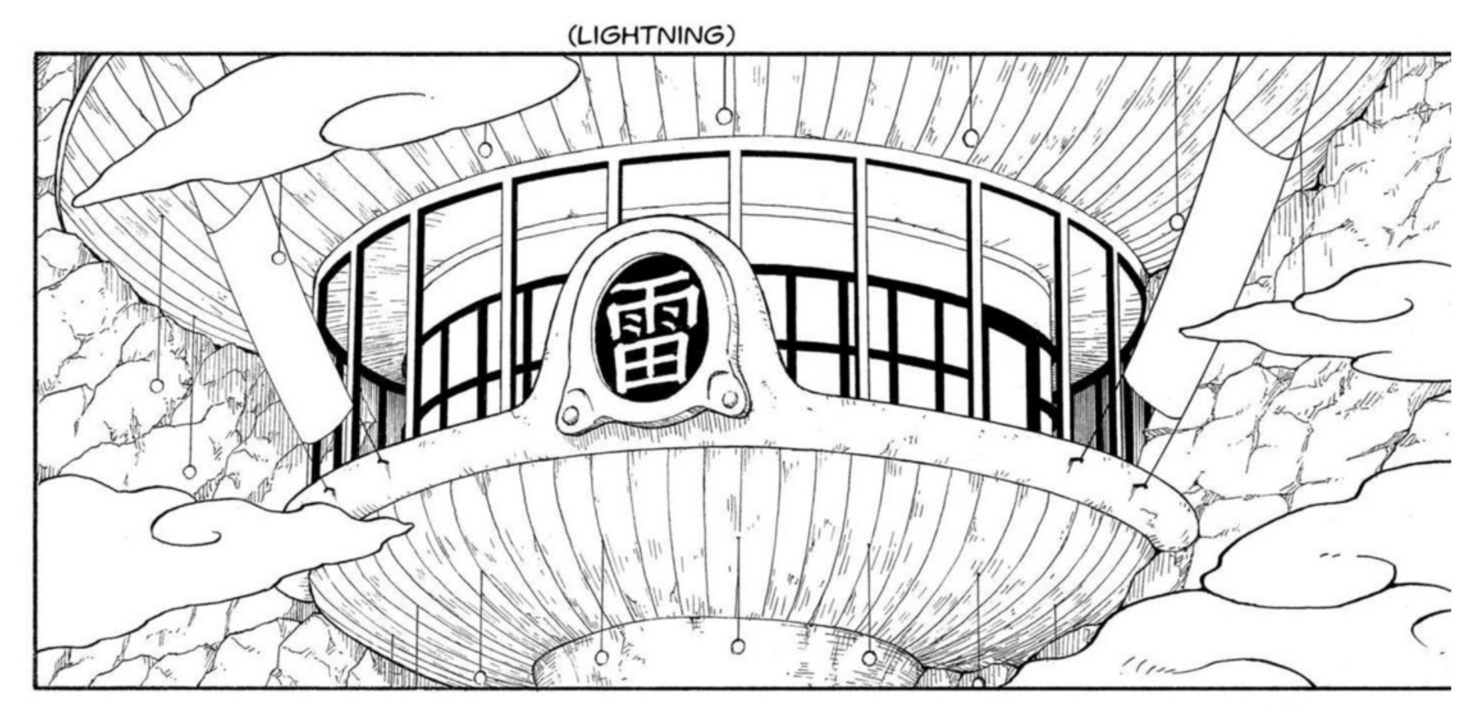

TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT ITACHI'S INTENTION WOULD BE CHILDISH.
THE FOOLISH SPUTTERING OF THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW HATRED.
IF ANYONE WHO WOULD DISPARAGE MY WAY OF LIVING WERE TO COME FORWARD ...
...I'D KILL THEIR LOVED ONES LEFT AND RIGHT!


SO THAT THEY TOO COULD GRASP WHAT IT'S LIKE...

...TO EXPERIENCE THIS HATRED OF MINE.


ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN HURT...
...YOU LEARN WHAT IT IS TO HATE.

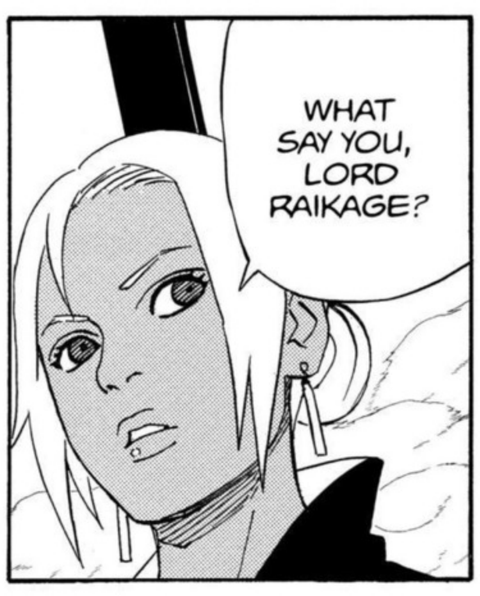

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WHAT?! WHAT'S THIS ABOUT KILLER BEE?
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SQUI

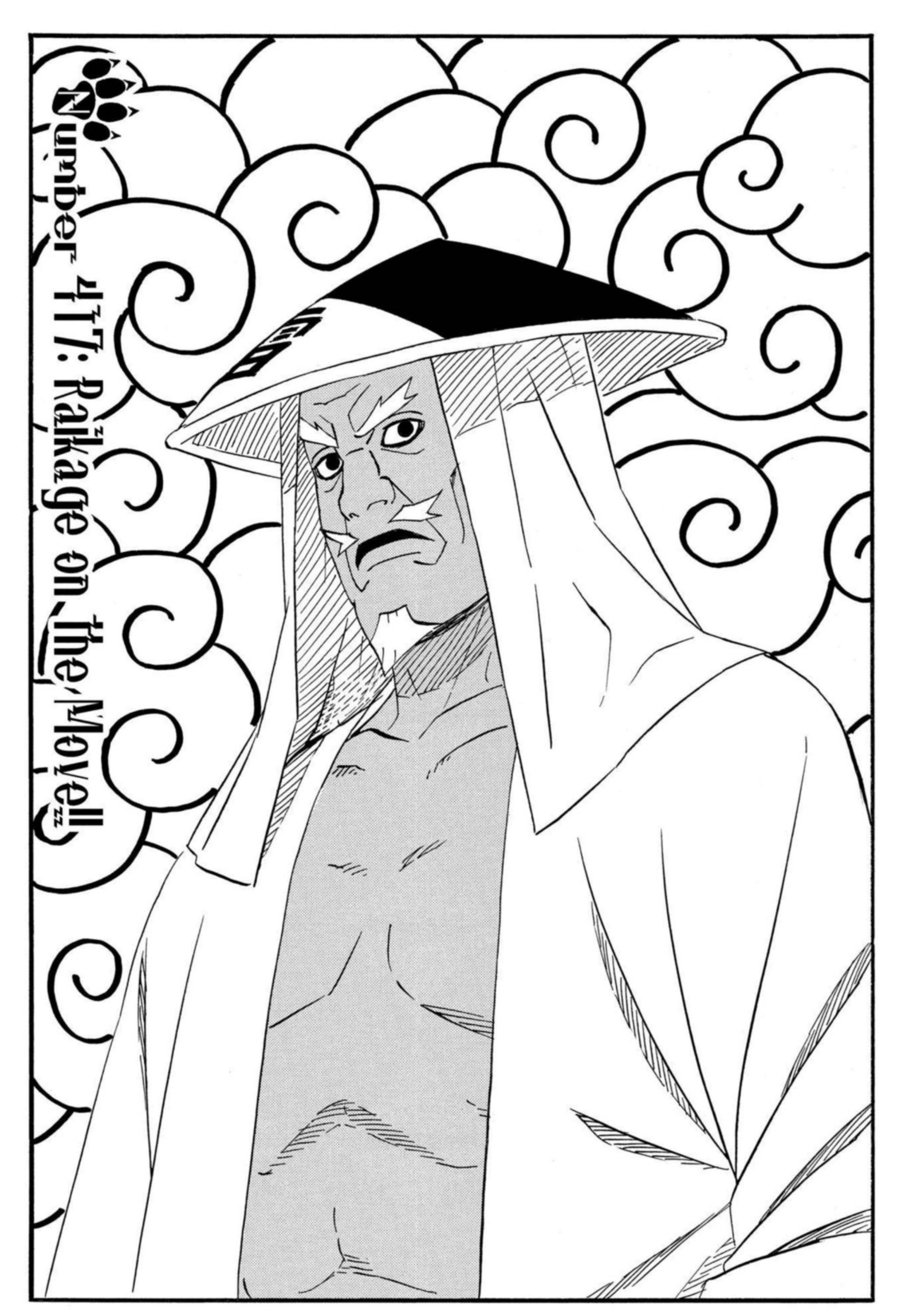

AND AMONG THEM IS A MEMBER OF KONOHA'S UCHIHA CLAN...
...MY PARTNER IS TAILING THEM RIGHT NOW.


WHAT SAY YOU, LORD RAIKAGE?


HOW DARE THE AKATSUKI !!
SHBASH


JUST YOU WAIT, MY BROTHER!

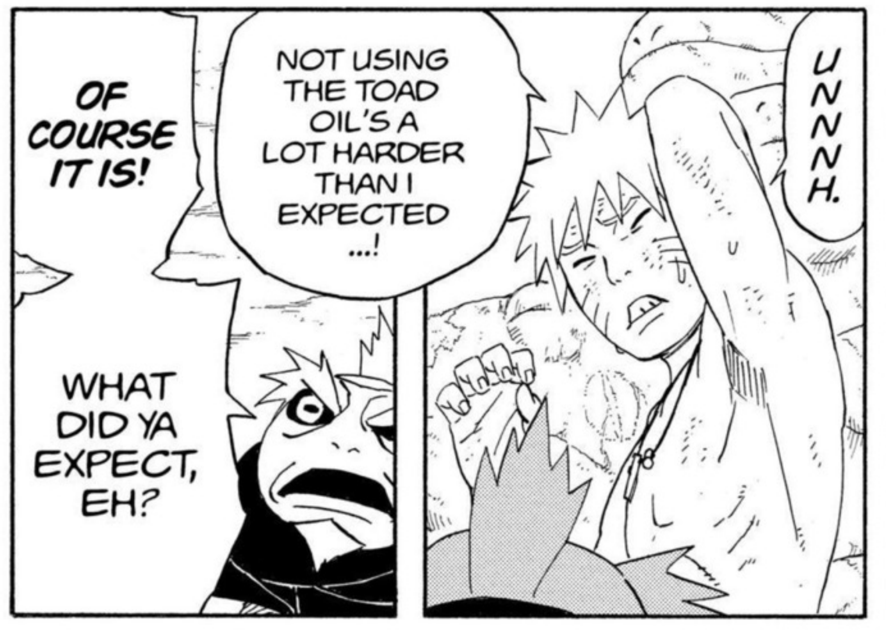



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ZWOO...

THWACK

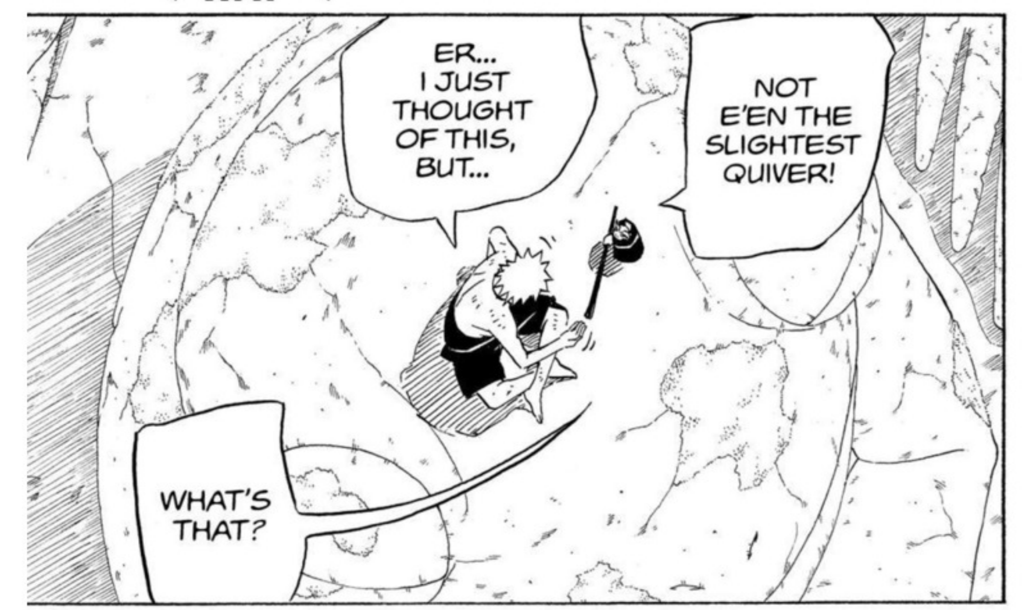
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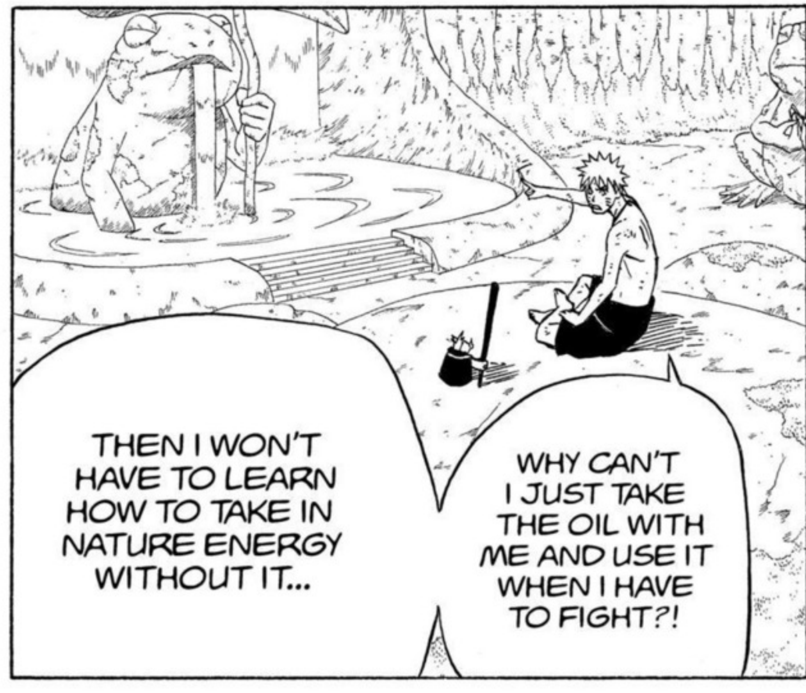




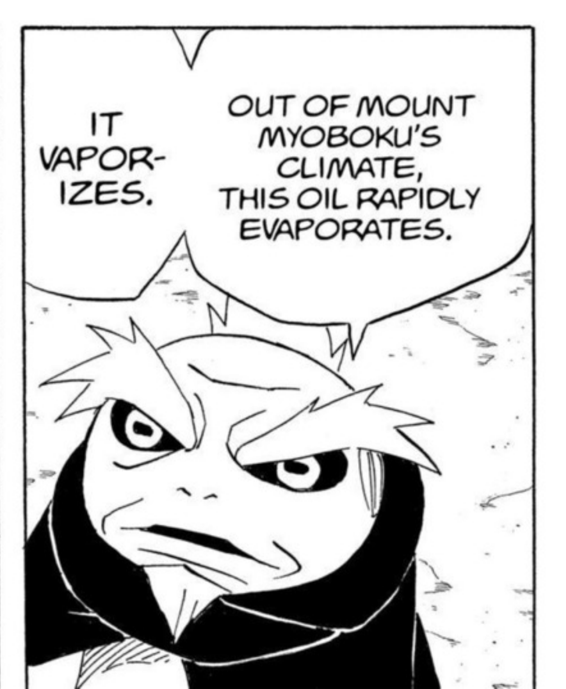

READ
THIS
WAY


...


NOT E'EN THE SLIGHTEST QUIVER!
ER... I JUST THOUGHT OF THIS, BUT...
WHAT'S THAT?


WHY CAN'T I JUST TAKE THE OIL WITH ME AND USE IT WHEN I HAVE TO FIGHT?!
THEN I WON'T HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO TAKE IN NATURE ENERGY WITHOUT IT...


NOT POS-SIBLE.
WHY NOT?

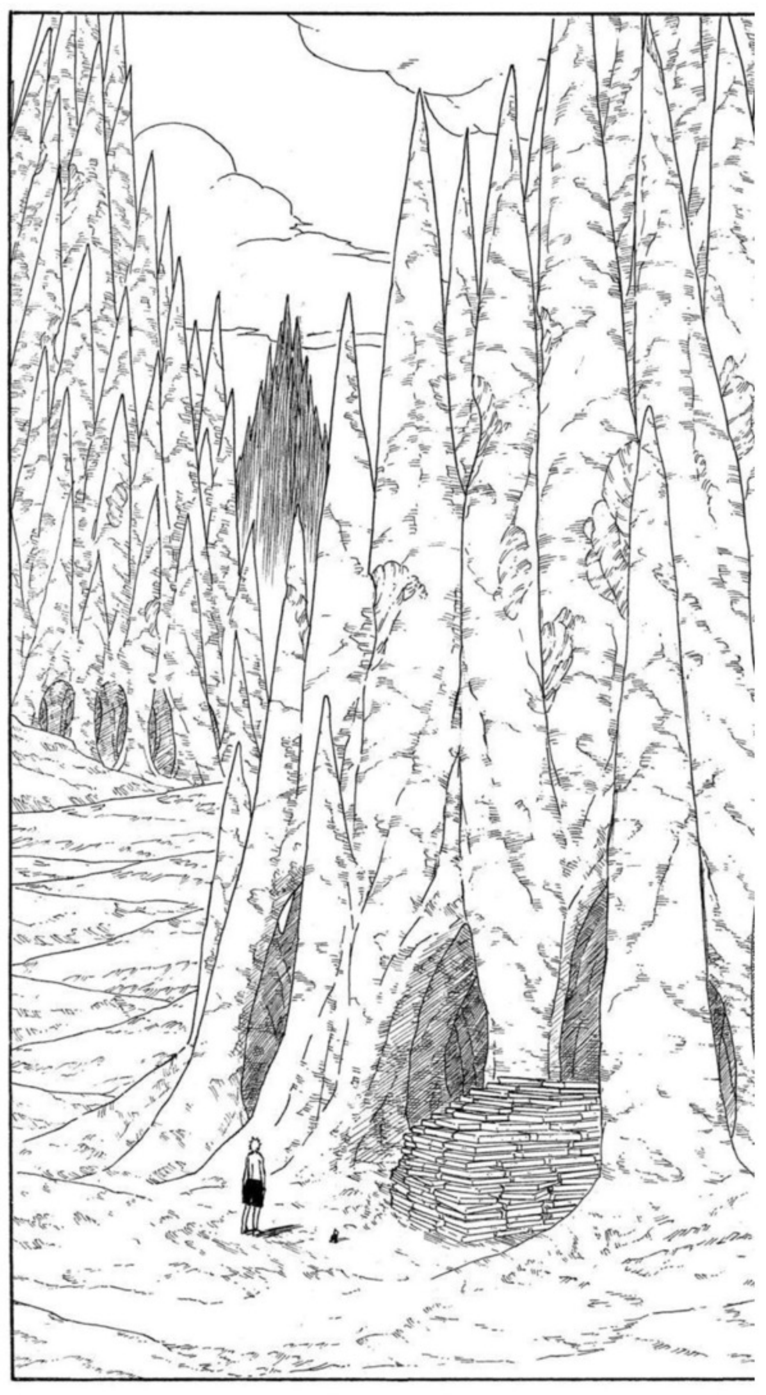

OUT OF MOUNT MYOBOKU'S CLIMATE, THIS OIL RAPIDLY EVAPORATES.
IT VAPOR-IZES.


GAH!
REALLY ?!

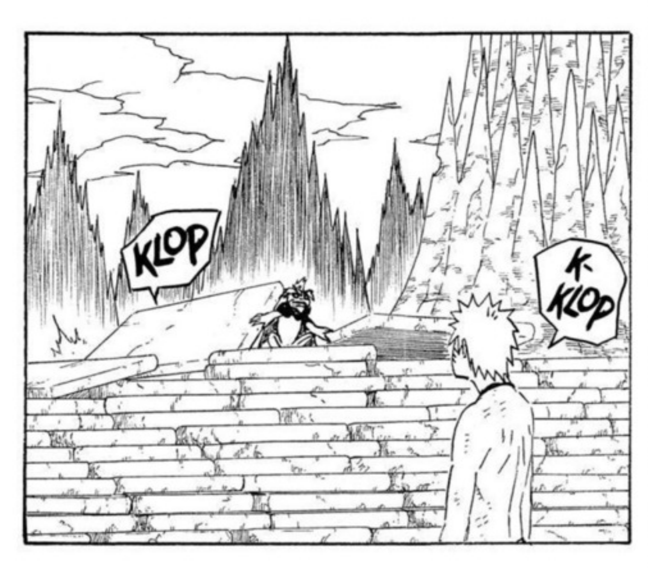

...I THOUGHT I TOLD YA!
THE OIL'S JUST A TOOL TO HELP YA GET THE HANG OF THINGS.


SWISH
YES-SIR!!


YER POWERS OF CONCENTRATION ARE STILL LACKIN', YA AMATEUR!
AWW... BUT...
...DESPITE HOW IT LOOKS, I DID LEARN ALL THE TRICKS TO FOCUSING FROM...
JUST COME ALONG!



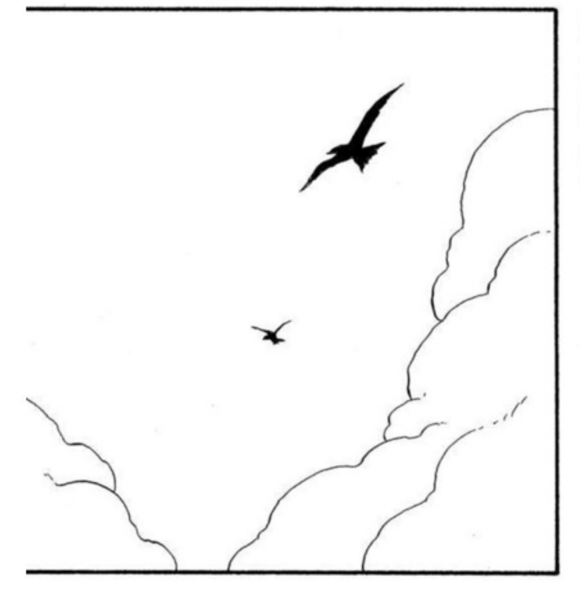

WHAT IS THIS PLACE ?
THIS OUGHTA DO IT...
SPROING


K-KLOP
KLOP

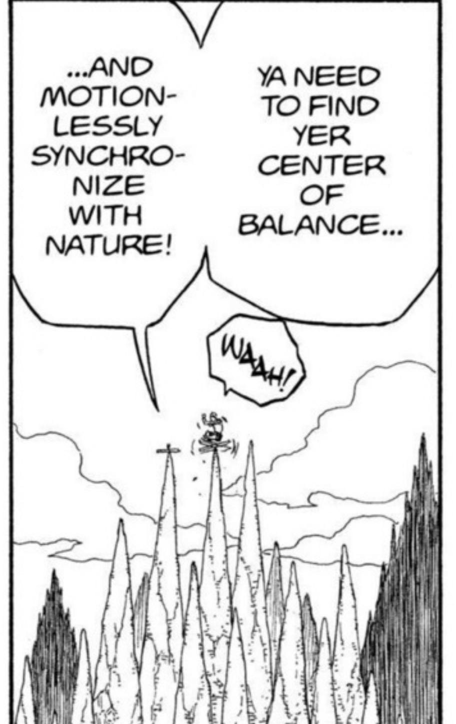

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SPROING
SPROING
FOLLOW ME, NARUTO-BOY!
?!




WRRBL
WAAAH!
YA MUST LEARN TO STOP YER MOTION AS AN ANIMAL.
WRRBBL


YA NEED TO FIND YER CENTER OF BALANCE...
...AND MOTION-LESSLY SYNCHRO-NIZE WITH NATURE!
WAAAH!


...


GAH!
VWIIT

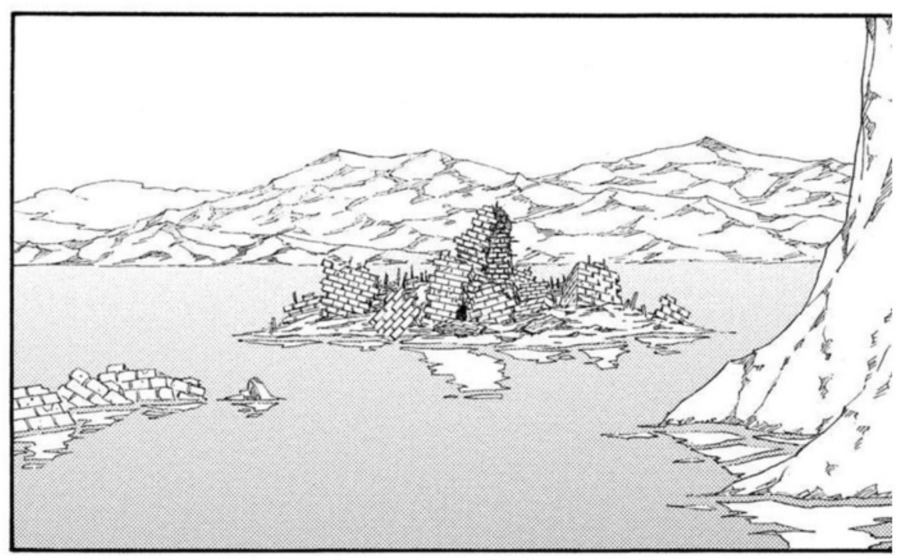
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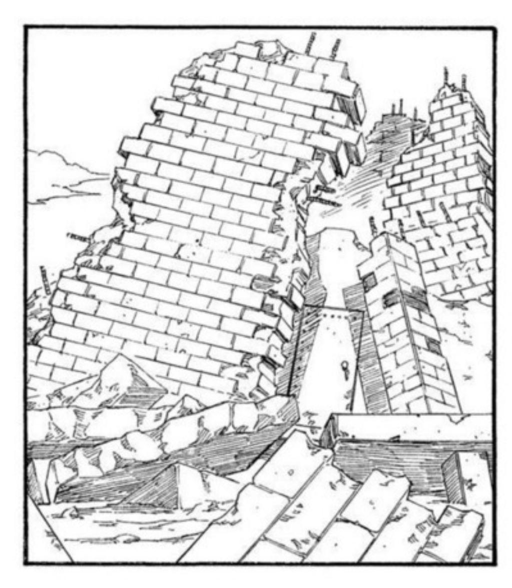
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SHA BASH

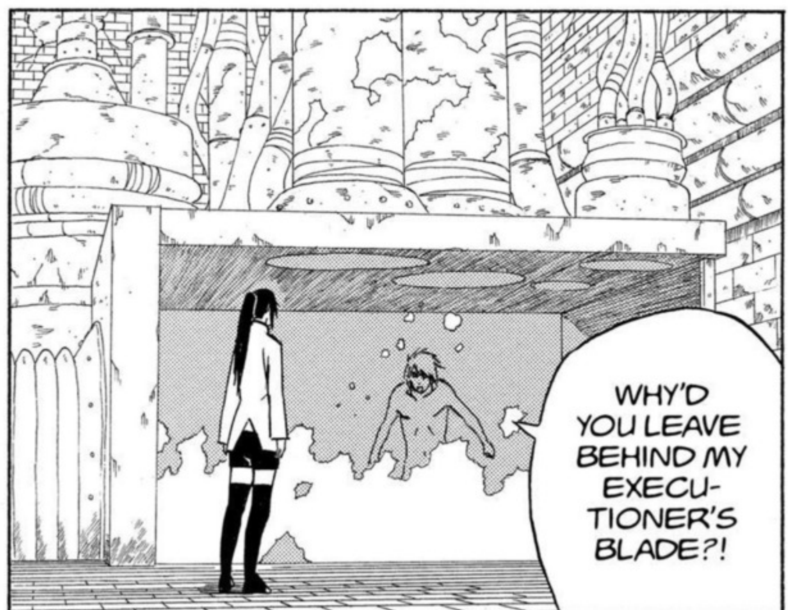

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PHEW...

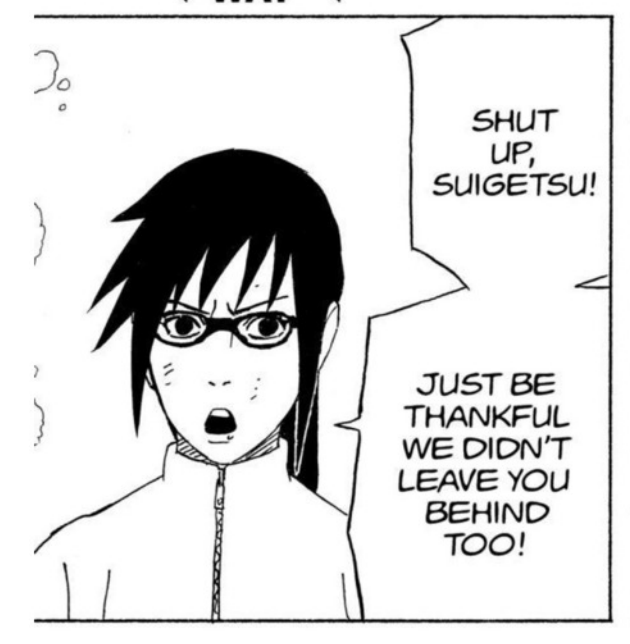

WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT ON YA TAKIN' IN NATURE ENERGY UNTIL YA PERFECT **BEING STILL.**



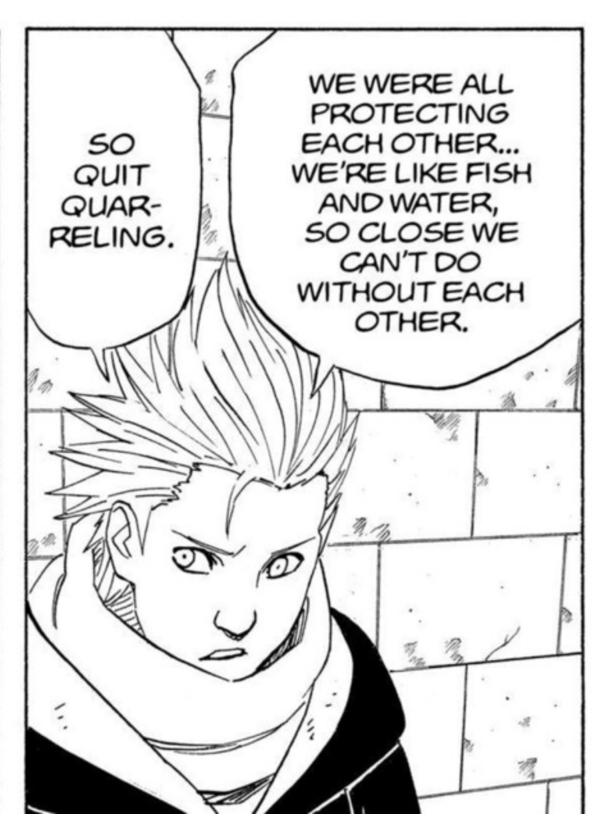


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HEH... WHO KNOWS ...
BUT WE ACTUALLY NO LONGER NEED TO DEPEND ON SUCH THINGS.


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WHY NOT?


I HAVE OBTAINED NEW POWERS... STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN KONOHA...


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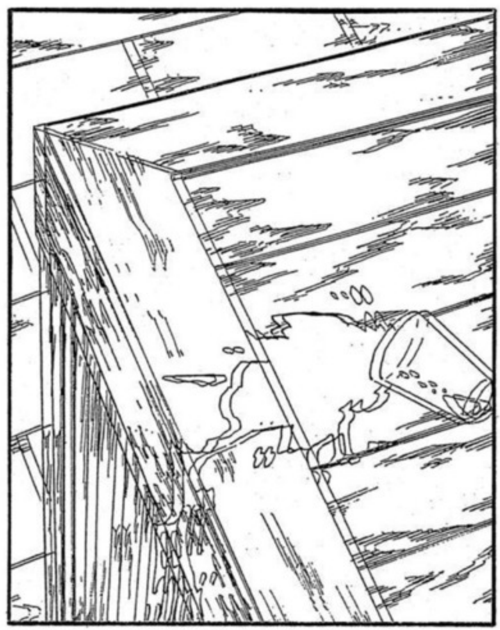

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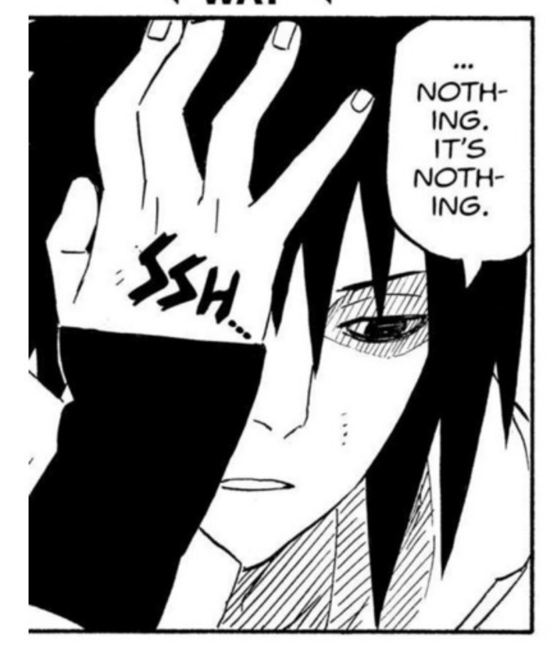

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, SASUKE?

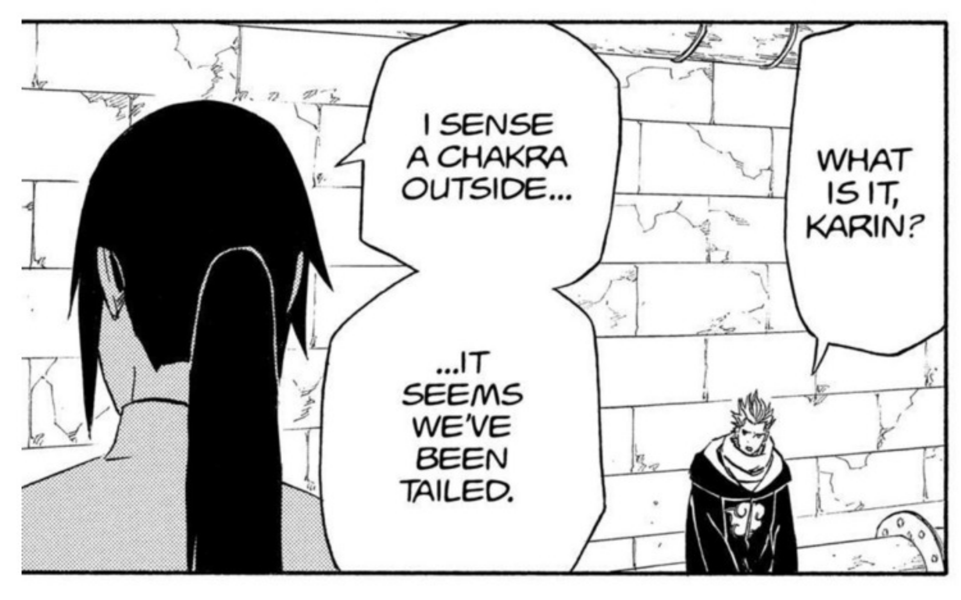
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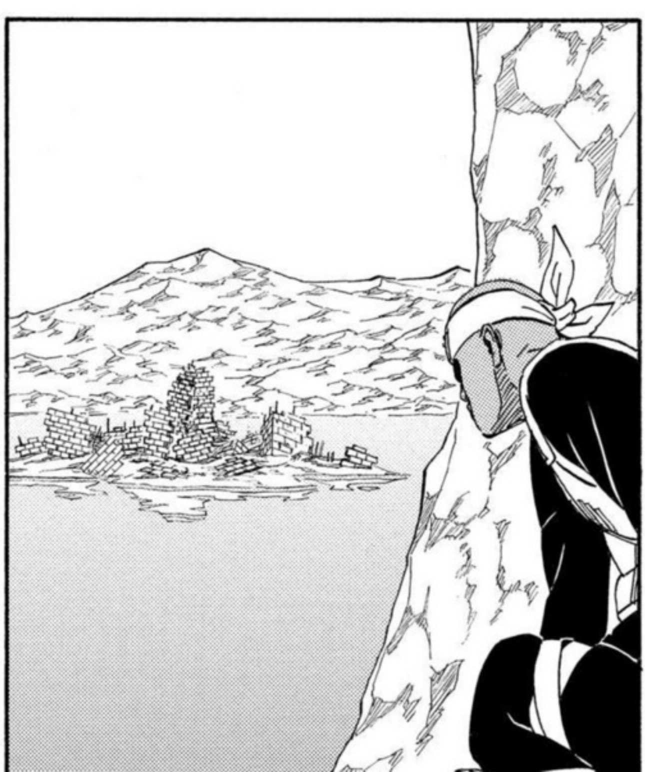




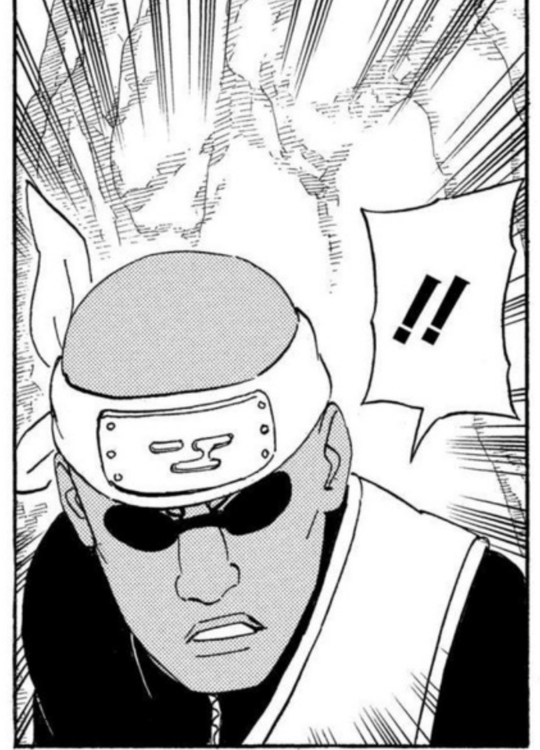




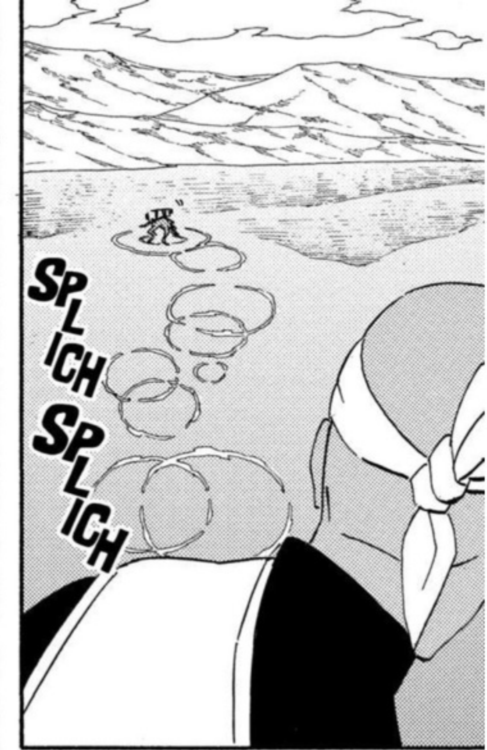




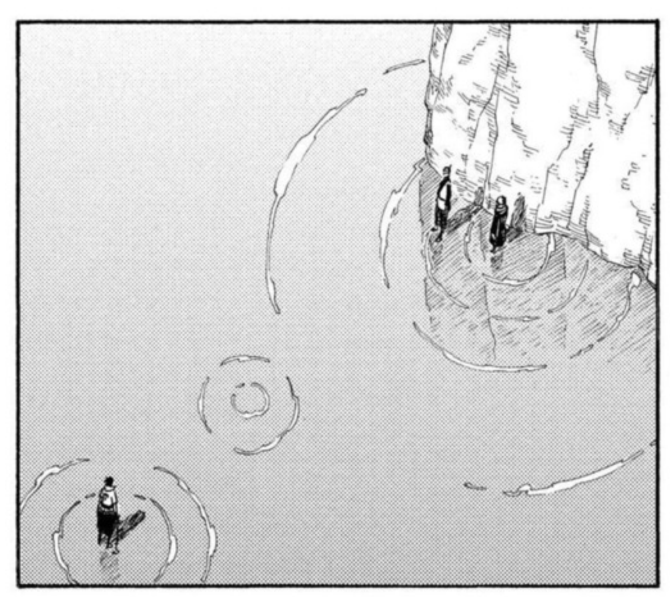


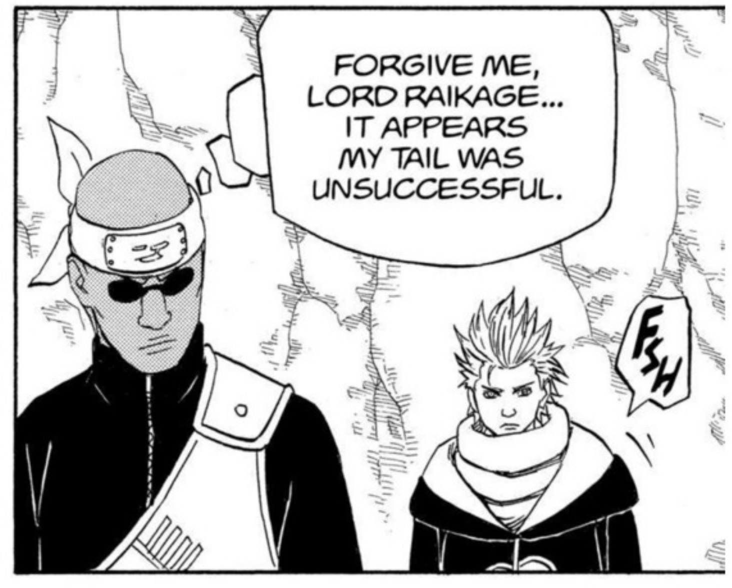

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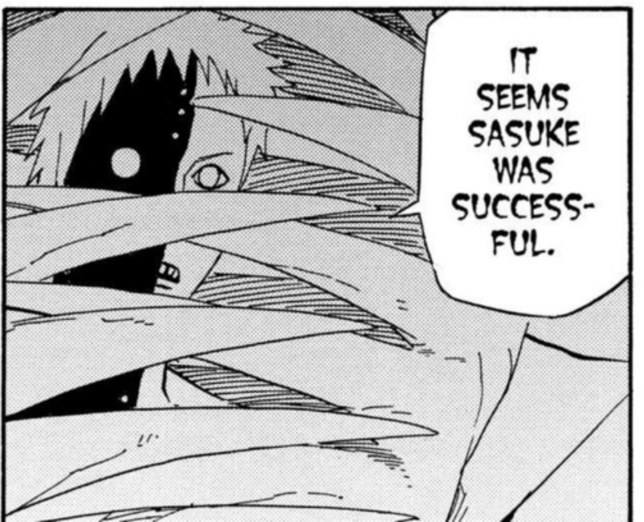

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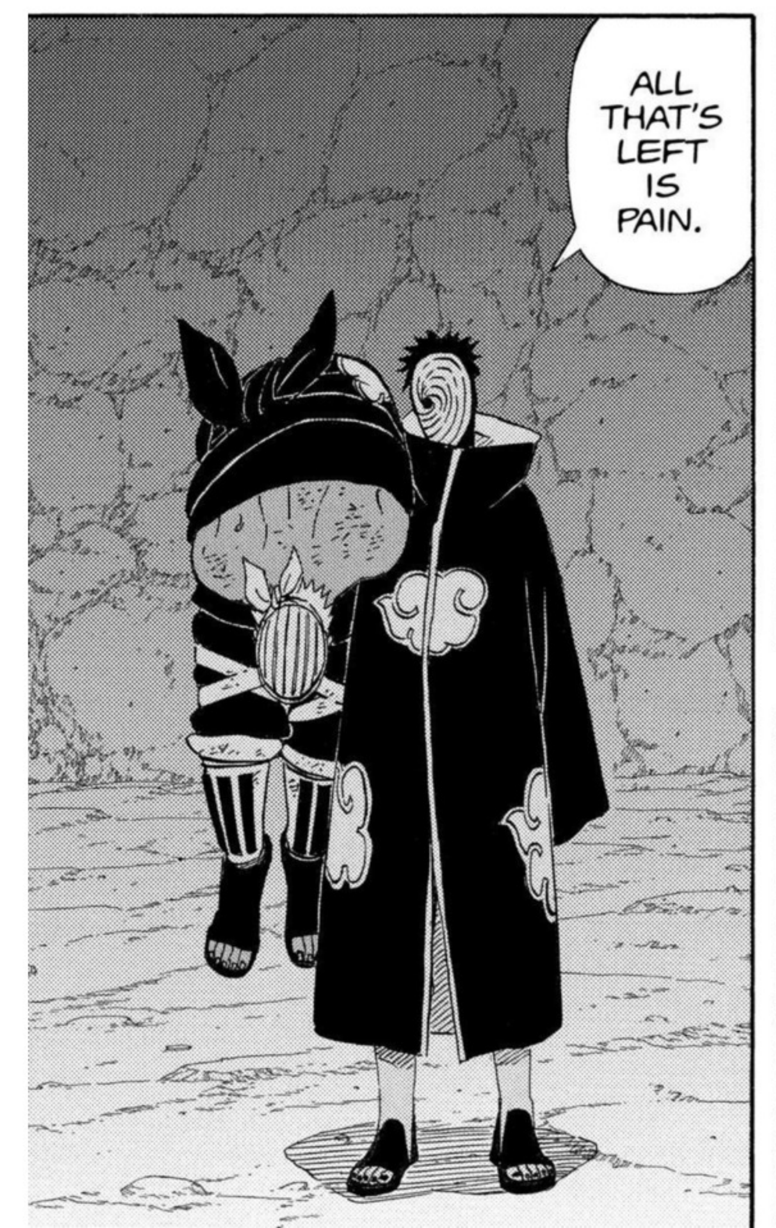


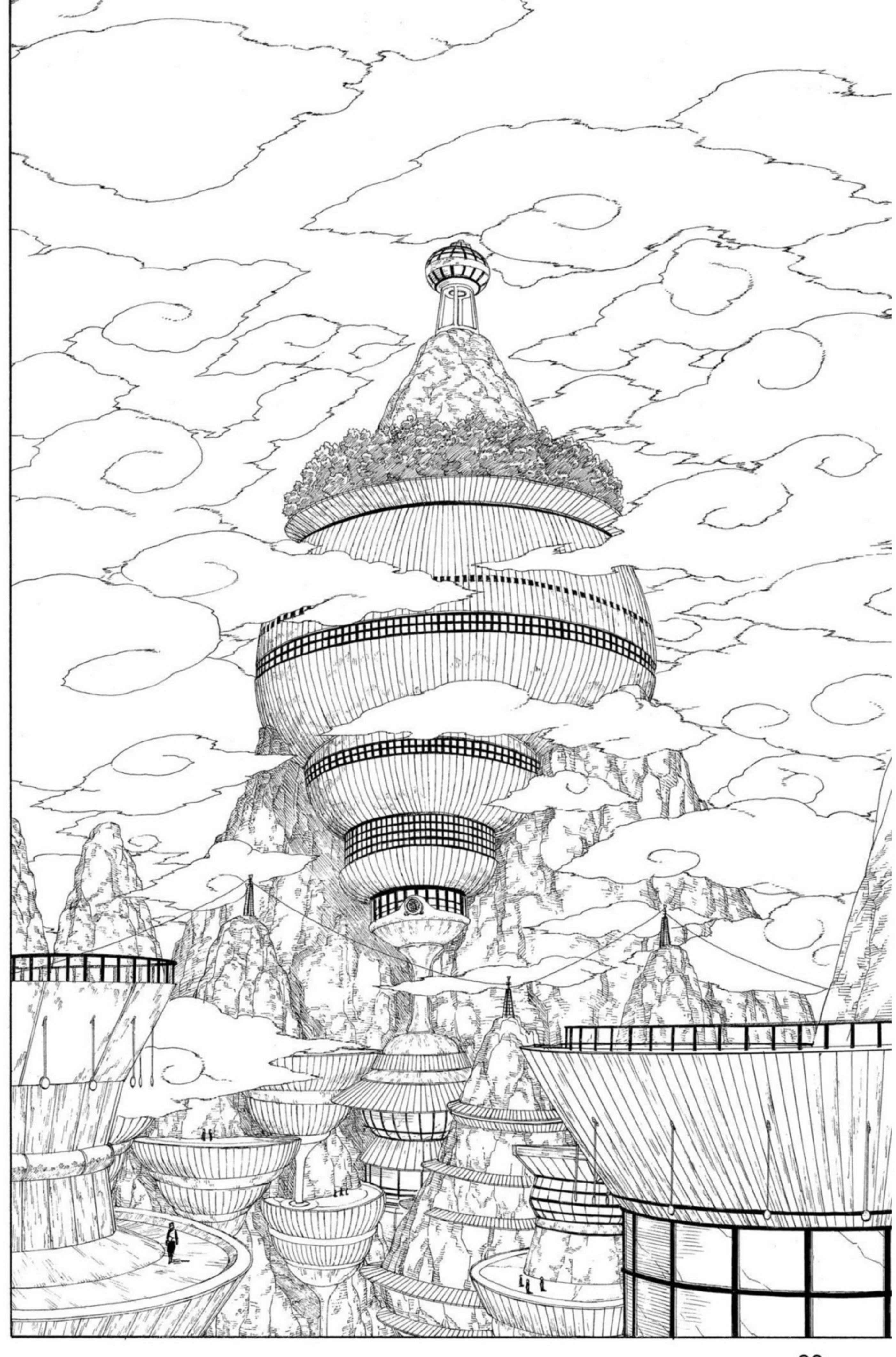



FORGIVE ME, LORD RAIKAGE... IT APPEARS MY TAIL WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.
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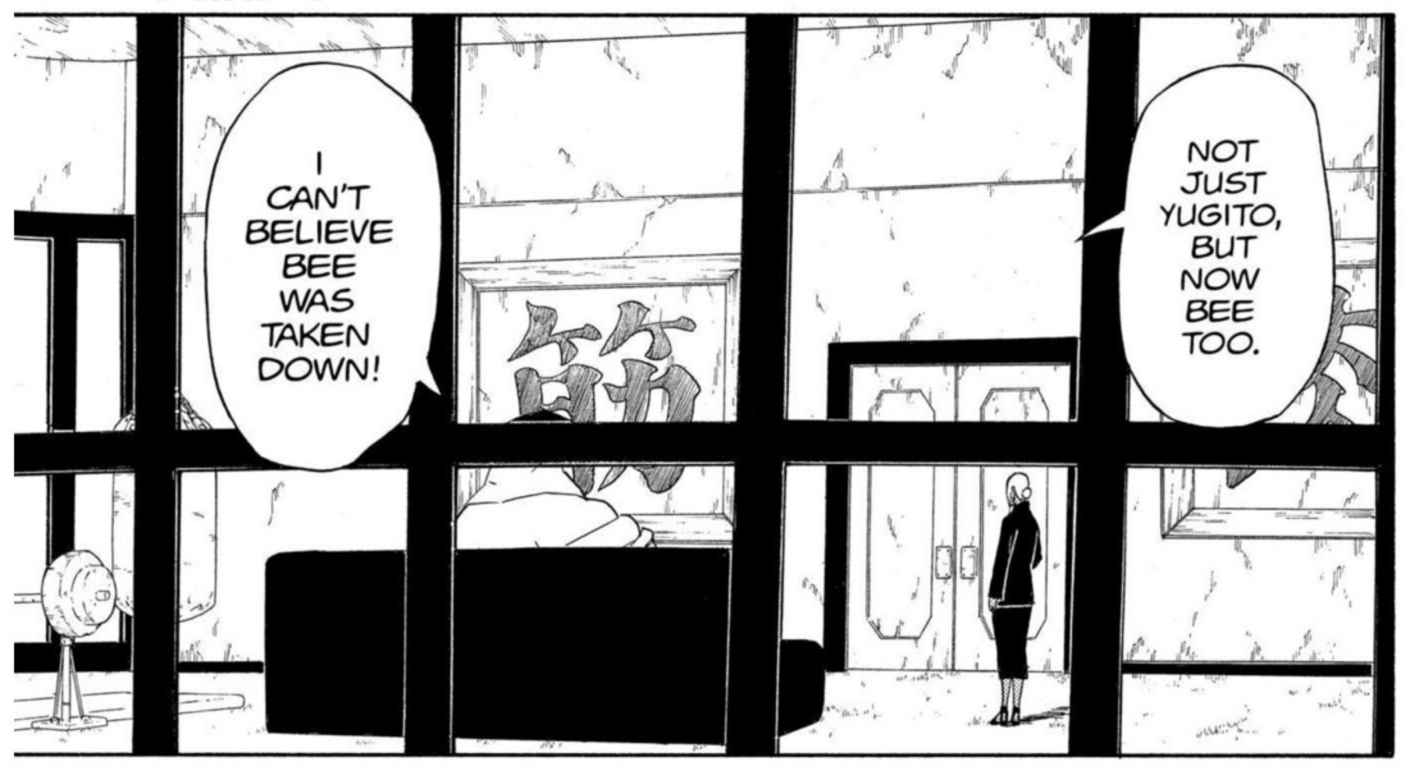

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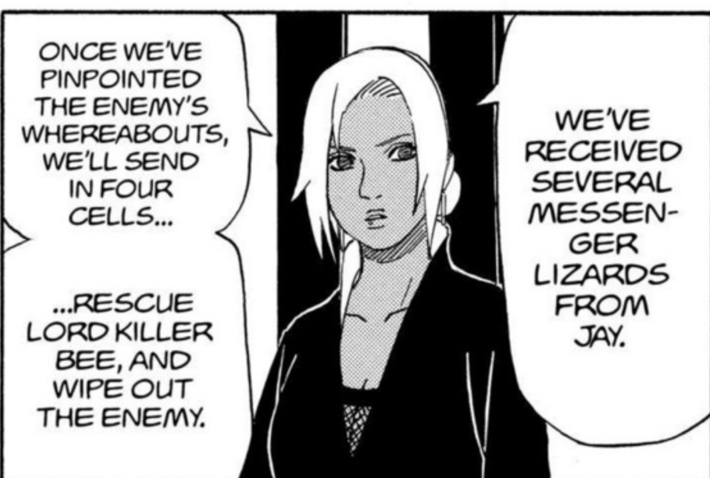

IT SEEMS SASUKE WAS SUCCESS-FUL.


ALL THAT'S LEFT IS PAIN.




READ THIS WAY


NOT JUST YUGITO, BUT NOW BEE TOO.
I CAN'T BELIEVE BEE WAS TAKEN DOWN!


WE'VE RECEIVED SEVERAL MESSENGER LIZARDS FROM JAY.
ONCE WE'VE PINPOINTED THE ENEMY'S WHEREABOUTS, WE'LL SEND IN FOUR CELLS...
...RESCUE LORD KILLER BEE, AND WIPE OUT THE ENEMY.

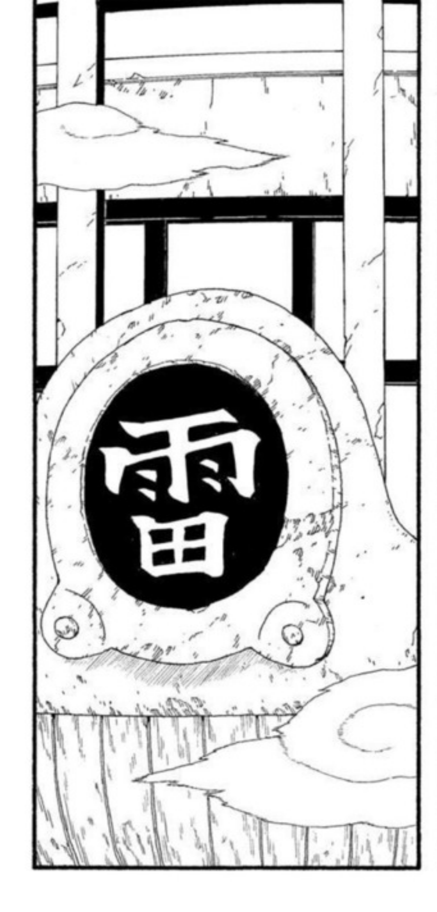

I HEARD A KONOHAGAKURE UCHIHA FELLOW KIDNAPPED MY LITTLE BROTHER!
WHY ARE THERE UCHIHA MEMBERS IN THE AKATSUKI?!

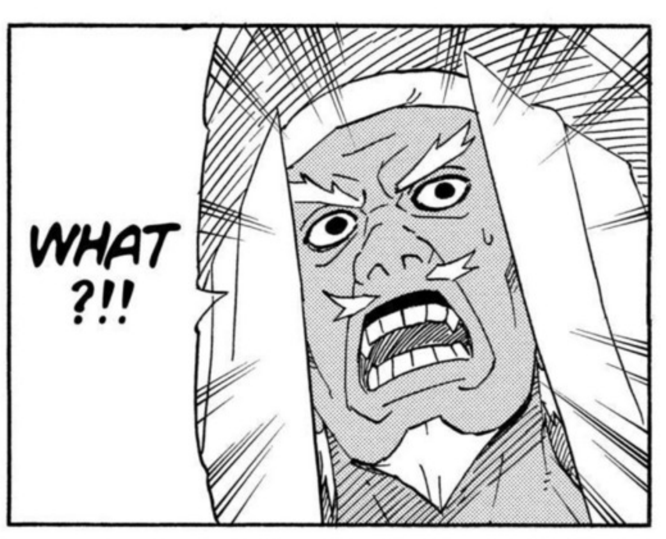

IT WAS UCHIHA SASUKE ...
IT APPEARS HE WENT ROGUE QUITE A WHILE AGO.

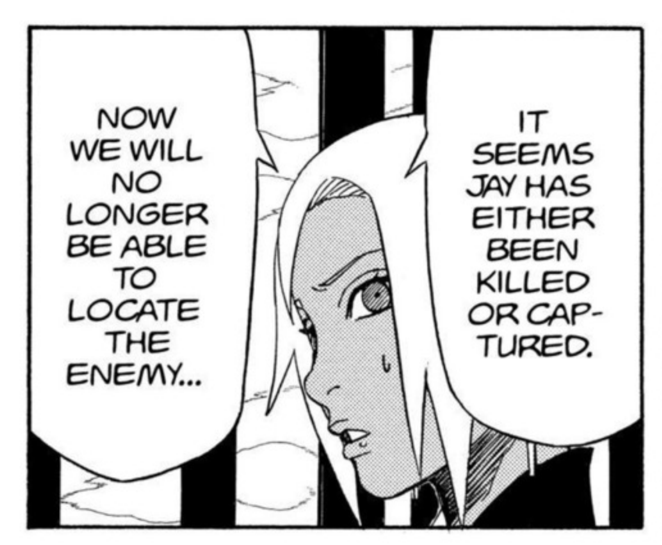

WHY ISN'T THE HOKAGE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR ROGUE NINJA?!
THEY WHO WERE SO QUICK TO REACT OVER THE HYUGA INCIDENT!

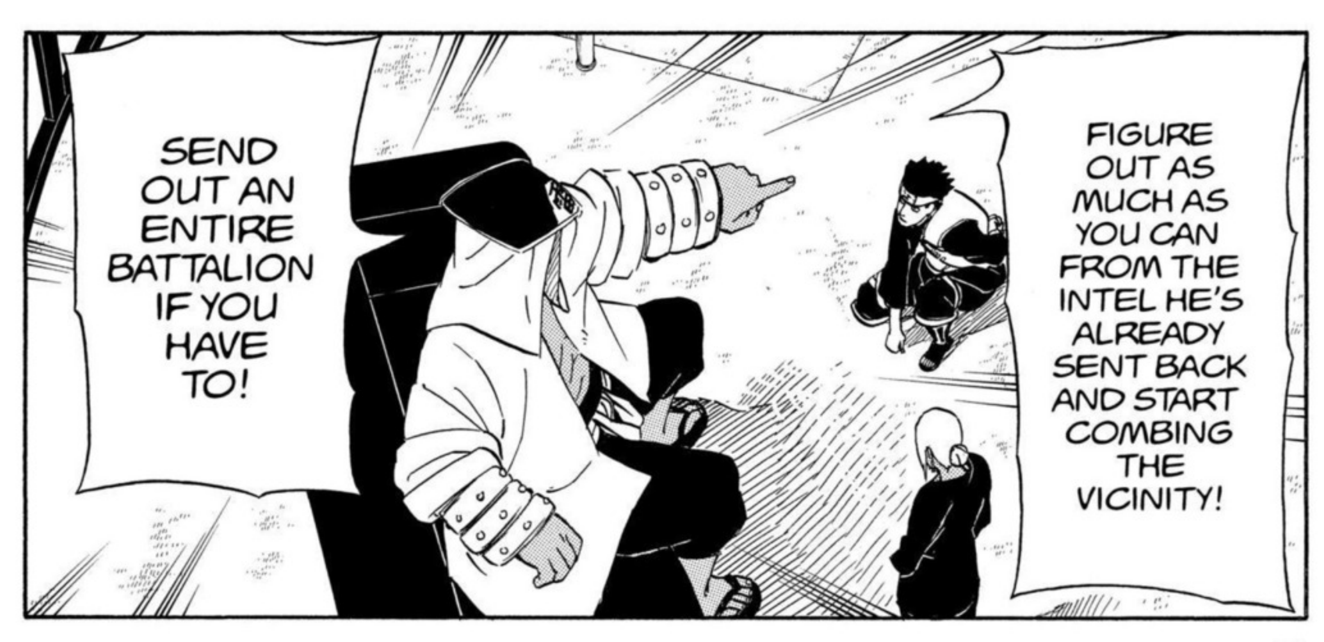



SOME-THING'S OFF... THE MESSAGES HAVE CEASED...


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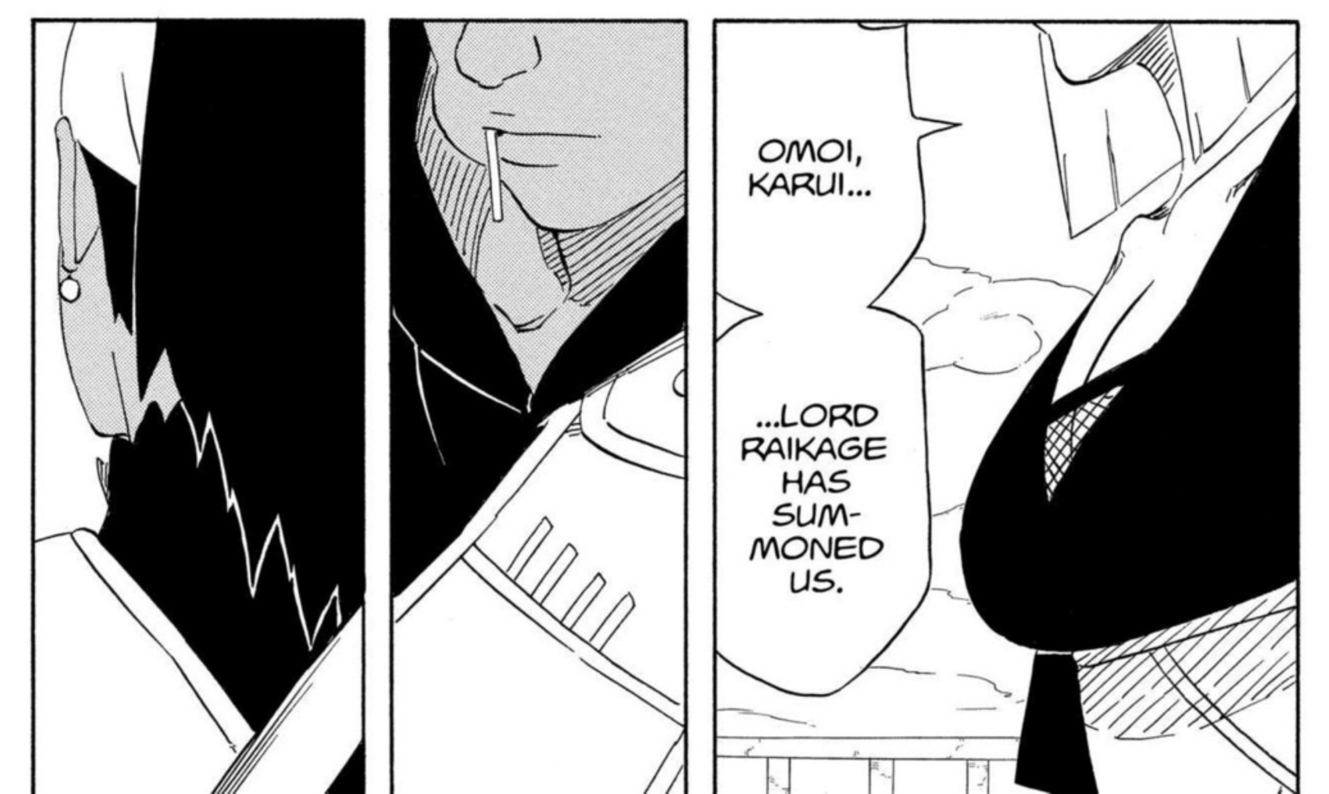

IT SEEMS JAY HAS EITHER BEEN KILLED OR CAP-TURED.
NOW WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO LOCATE THE ENEMY...


FIGURE OUT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN FROM THE INTEL HE'S ALREADY SENT BACK AND START COMBING THE VICINITY!
SEND OUT AN ENTIRE BATTALION IF YOU HAVE TO!


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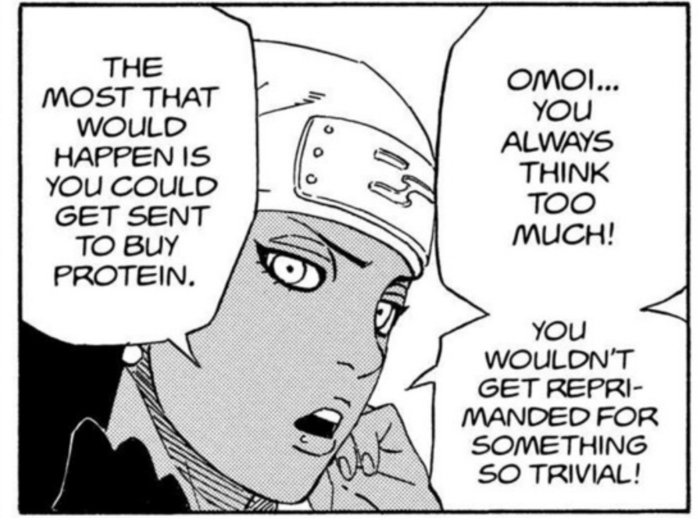

Y-YES, MILORD.
AND SUMMON SAMUI'S CELL!
I'M GIVING THEM A DOCUMENT OF INTENT TO DELIVER TO KONOHA STATING THAT WE WILL TAKE CARE OF UCHIHA SASUKE!
AND HAVE THEM HAND OVER ALL INTEL ON HIM!

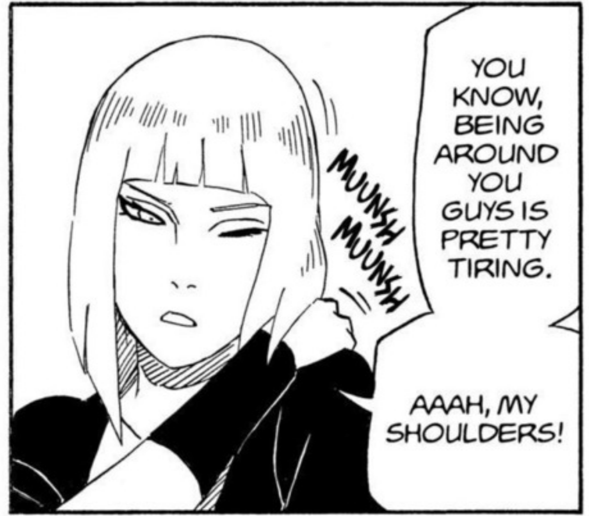

FURTHERMORE, I'M GOING TO CONVENE A GOKAGE SUMMIT CONFERENCE! A MEETING OF THE FIVE SHADOWS.
THE AKATSUKI WILL NOT BE FOR-GIVEN!

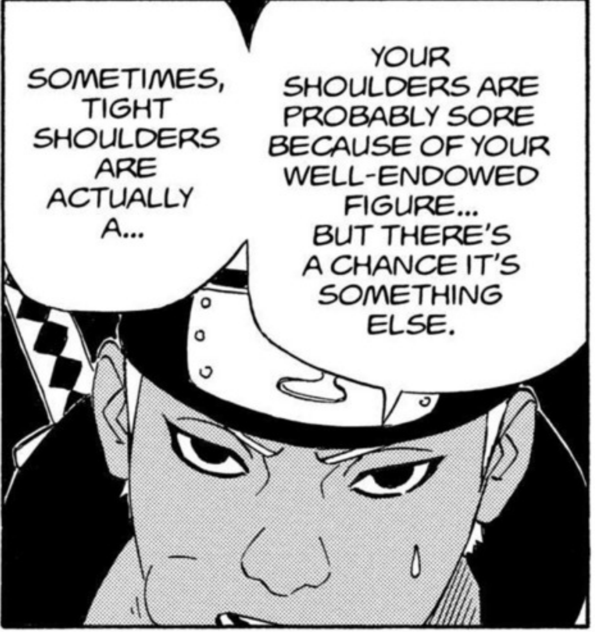

OMOI, KARUI...
...LORD RAIKAGE HAS SUM-MONED US.


WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD IT BE? MAYBE THERE'S A CRISIS ...
...OR ARE WE ABOUT TO GET REPRI-MANDED?
COULD HE HAVE FOUND OUT THAT MY BODY MASS INDEX HAS SPIKED?
WAS IT BECAUSE I PUT MAYONNAISE ON MY POTATOES?

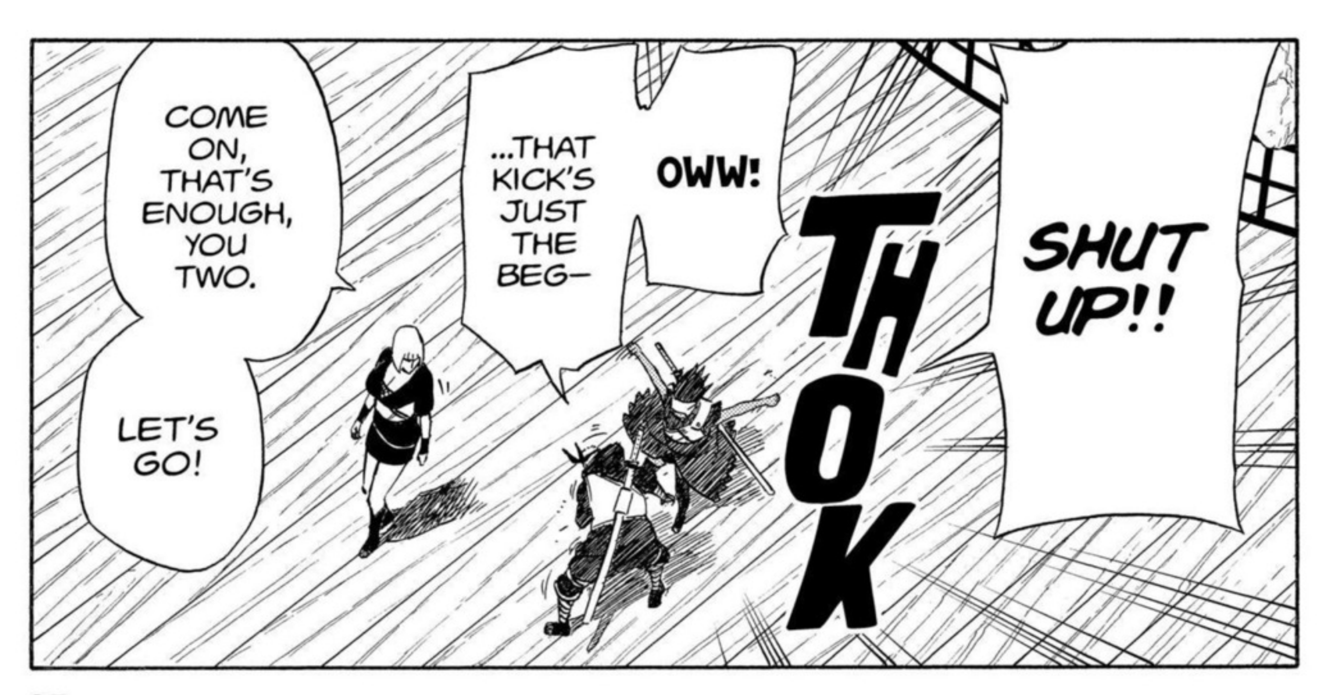

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OMOI... YOU ALWAYS THINK TOO MUCH!
YOU WOULDN'T GET REPRIMANDED FOR SOMETHING SO TRIVIAL!
THE MOST THAT WOULD HAPPEN IS YOU COULD GET SENT TO BUY PROTEIN.


YOU KNOW, BEING AROUND YOU GUYS IS PRETTY TIRING.
AAAH, MY SHOULDERS!
MUUNSH MUUNSH


YOUR SHOULDERS ARE PROBABLY SORE BECAUSE OF YOUR WELL-ENDOWED FIGURE... BUT THERE'S A CHANCE IT'S SOMETHING ELSE.
SOMETIMES, TIGHT SHOULDERS ARE ACTUALLY A...


AWW, WILL YOU SHUT UP!
QUIT YAKKING AND LET'S GO!
YOU OUGHT TO THINK THINGS THROUGH MORE CAREFULLY.
JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET TIGHT SHOULDERS BECAUSE YOU'RE FLAT-CHESTED...


SHUT UP!!
THOK
OWW!
...THAT KICK'S JUST THE BEG–
COME ON, THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU TWO.
LET'S GO!


ZWOO...


Number 418: Sage Naruto!!

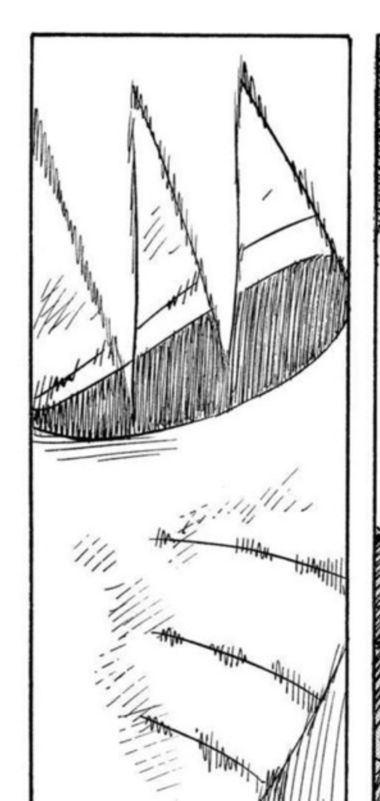
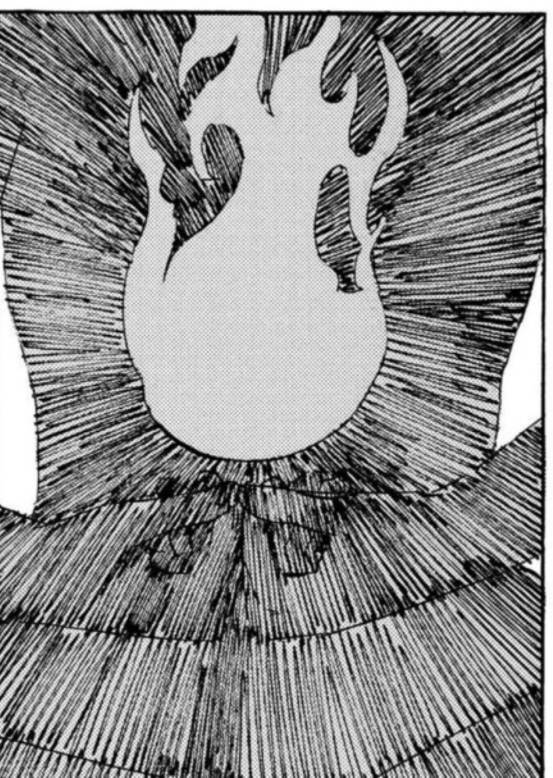



IT'S GOIN' WELL.


ZWOO...
ZWOOO...


READ THIS WAY

ZWOOOO...

HE'S FINALLY GOT IT...
...I REALLY AM IMPRESSED HOW FAR HE'S GOTTEN WITHOUT USING THE OIL...

RIING




READ
THIS
WAY


HE'S DISPLAYIN' THE RINGS AROUND THE EYES— PROOF OF SUCCESSFUL SAGEHOOD!
AND NO FROG ASPECTS EITHER! THIS MIGHT MEAN NARUTO-BOY HAS BECOME A SAGE EXCEEDIN' JIRAIYA-BOY!


IT SEEMS HE'S ABLE TO BUILD UP EVEN MORE SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA THAN WHEN HE WAS USIN' THE OIL TOO.
WELL, HOW DOES IT FEEL?


YEAH...
I KINDA GET NOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME ONE WITH NATURE...

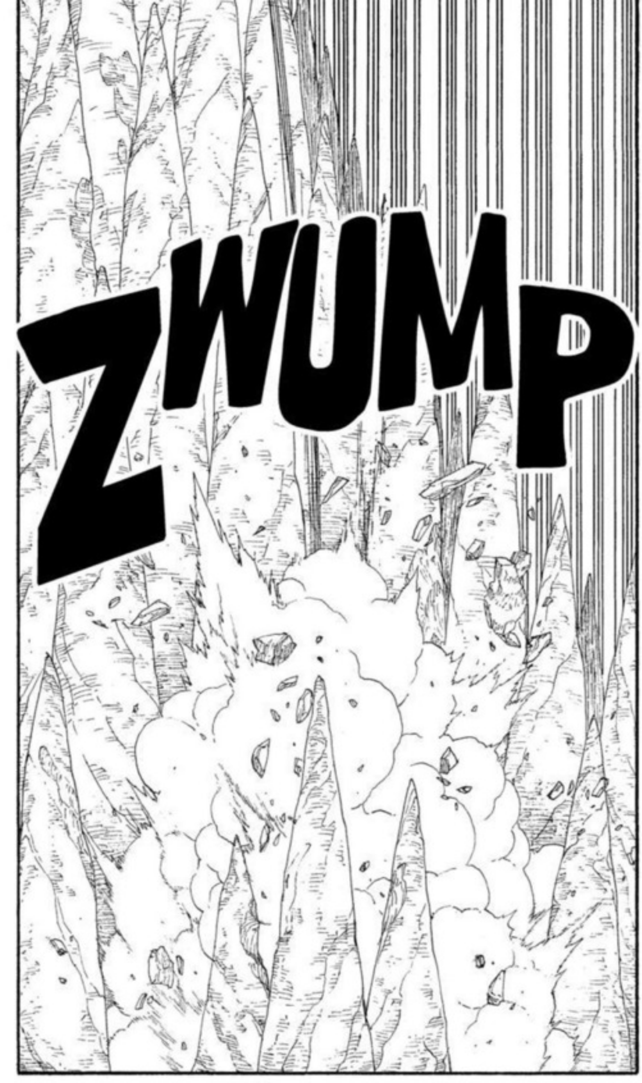

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FRRLLP

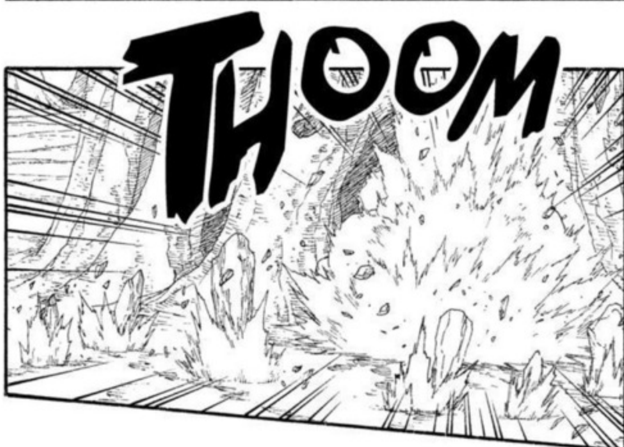

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WAAH!
VWIIT...


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WAAAAAAH!!

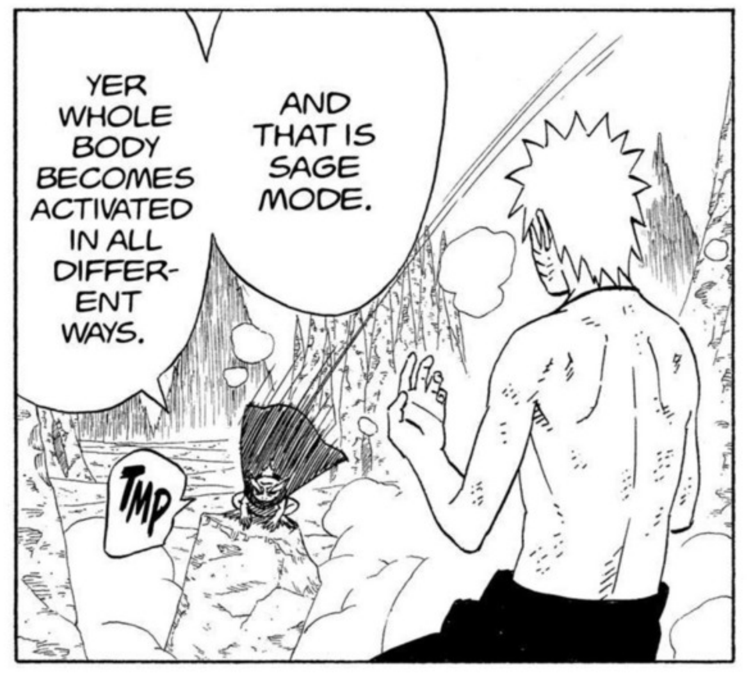

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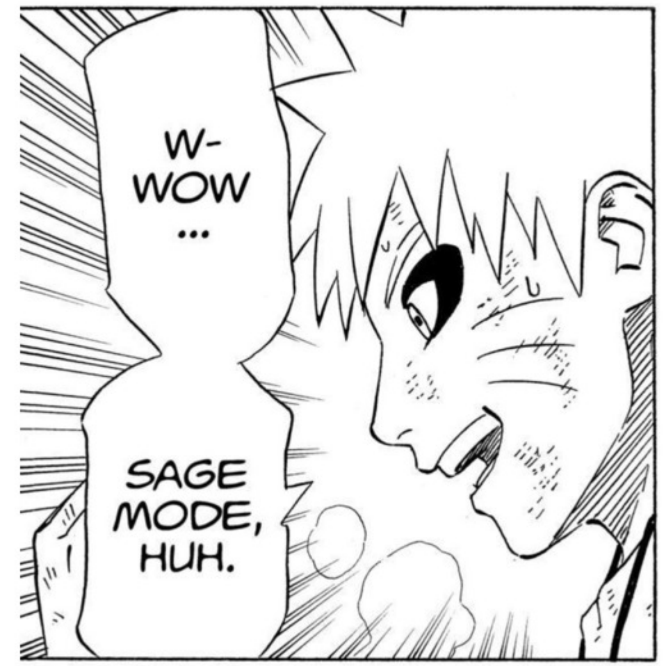

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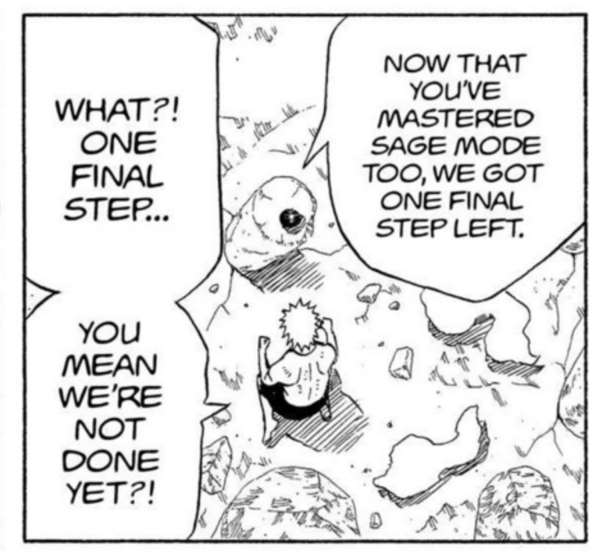

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KATOK KATOK KATOK

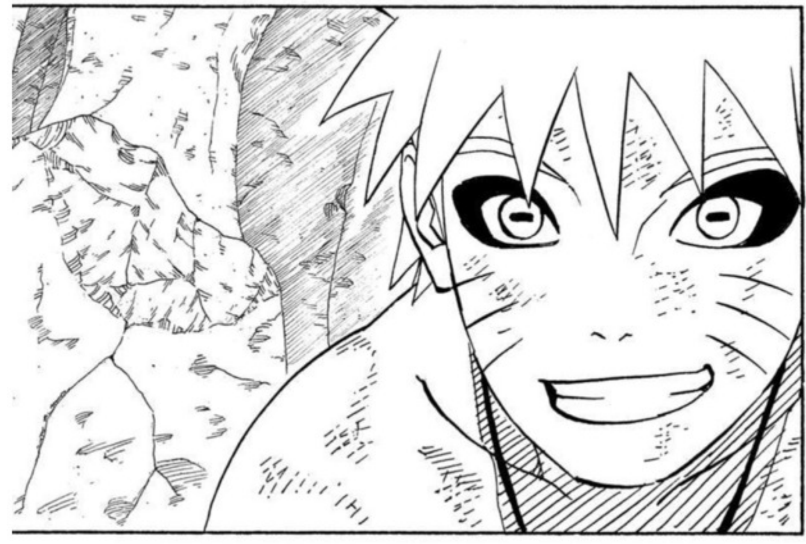

FSH
OW... HUH?
IT DOESN'T HURT THAT MUCH...


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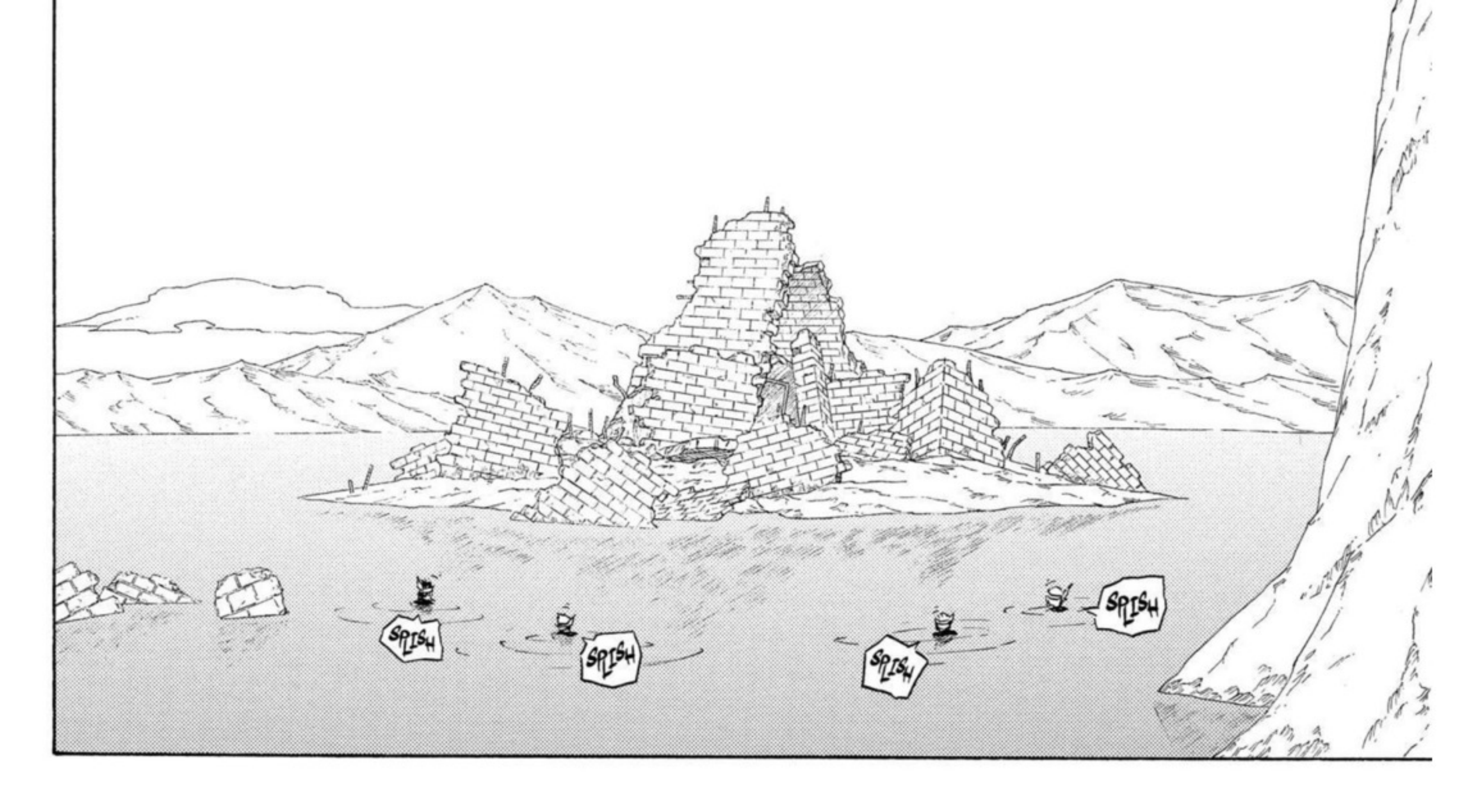

AND THAT IS SAGE MODE.
YER WHOLE BODY BECOMES ACTIVATED IN ALL DIFFERENT WAYS.
TMP


W-WOW ...
SAGE MODE, HUH.


NOW THAT YOU'VE MASTERED SAGE MODE TOO, WE GOT ONE FINAL STEP LEFT.
WHAT?! ONE FINAL STEP...
YOU MEAN WE'RE NOT DONE YET?!




IT'S A TYPE O' SPARRING THAT SAGES PERFORM USIN' SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA.
NOW I SHALL TEACH YOU HOW TO DO KAWAZU KUMITE, TO SPAR WITH FROGS!



DUNF

KABOOM

THOK

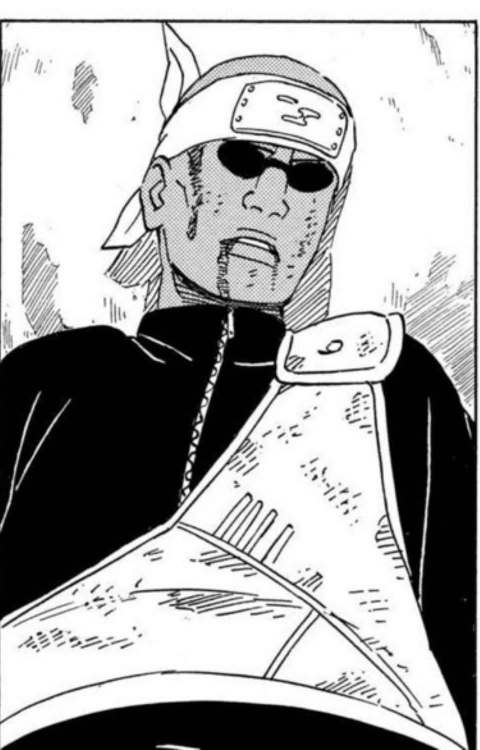
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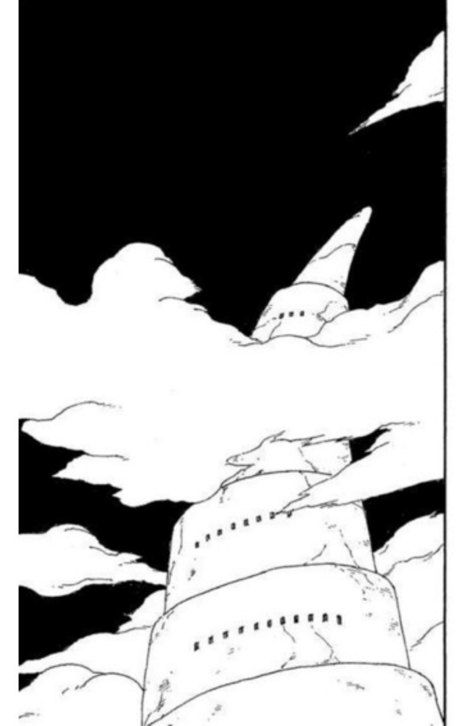
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SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM SHOOM

SKRIITCH...



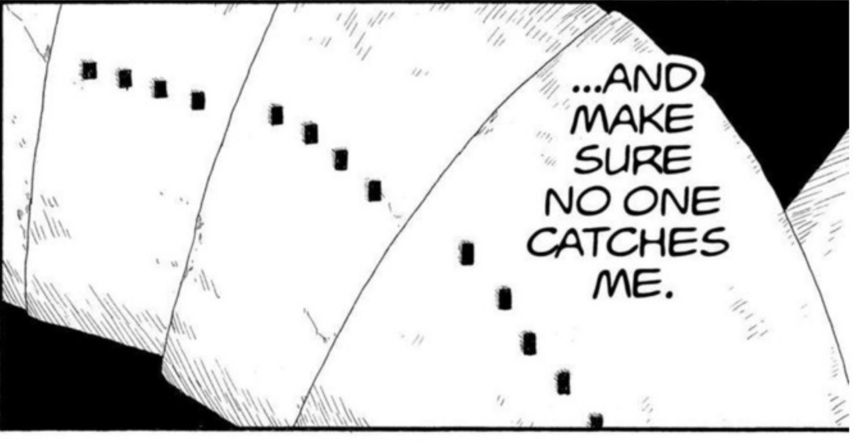




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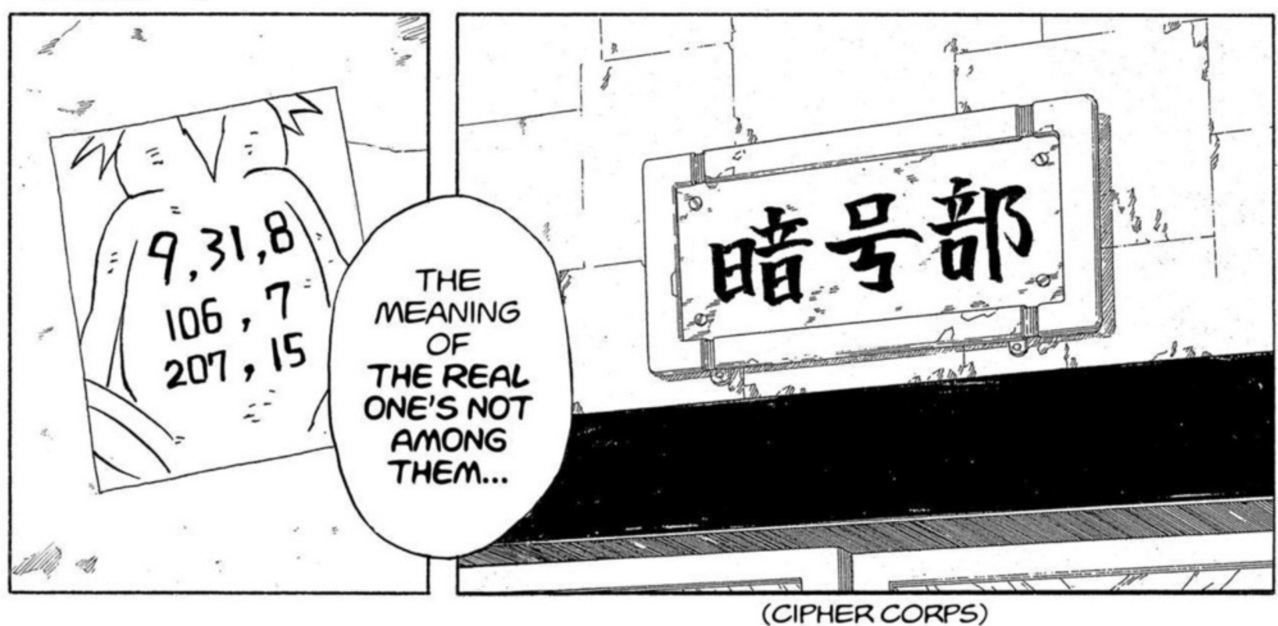

I DID IT!


FWOO...
...EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL FAR FROM PERFECT...
HUF
FSSSH FSSSH
I MUST TRY IT IN SAGE MODE...

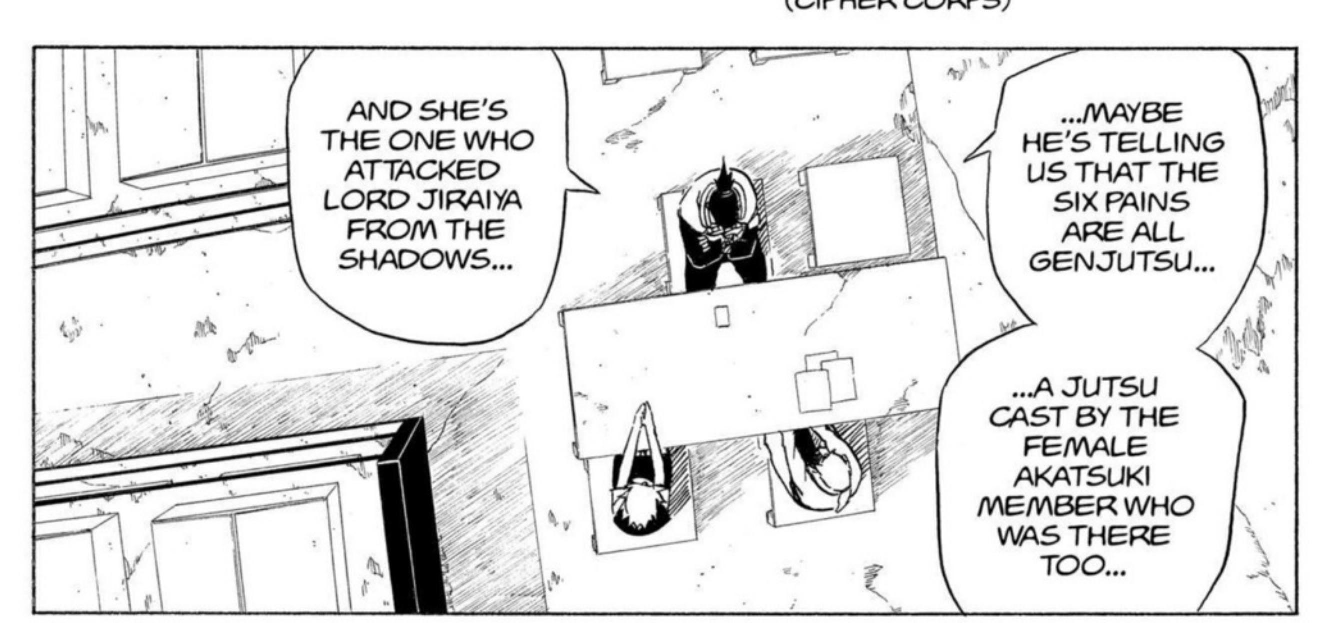

...AND MAKE SURE NO ONE CATCHES ME.

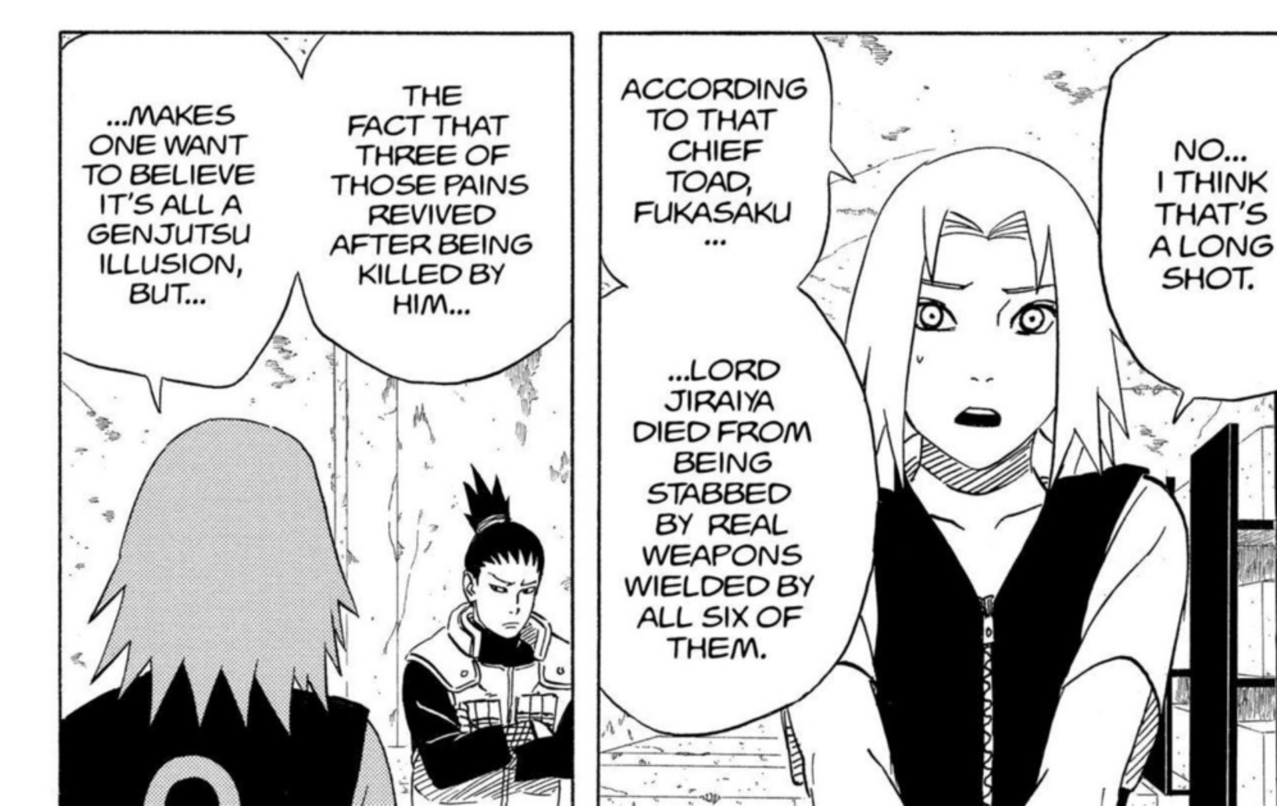

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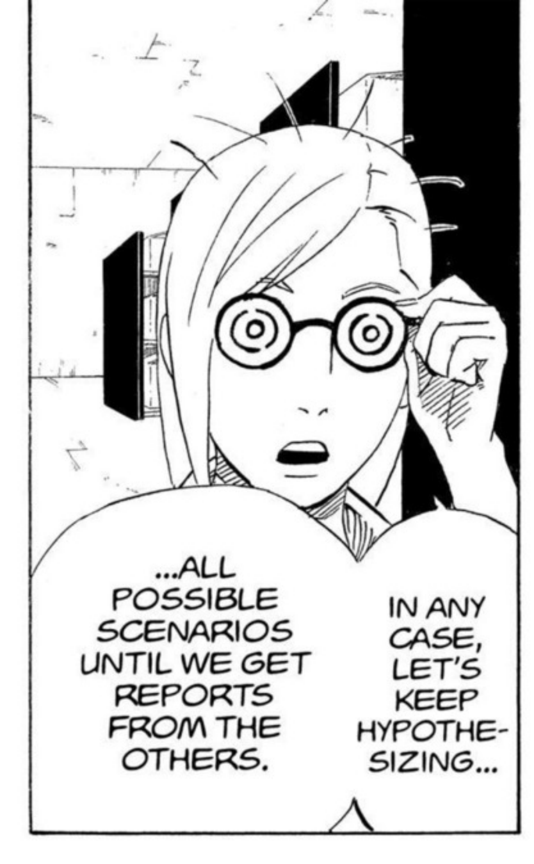


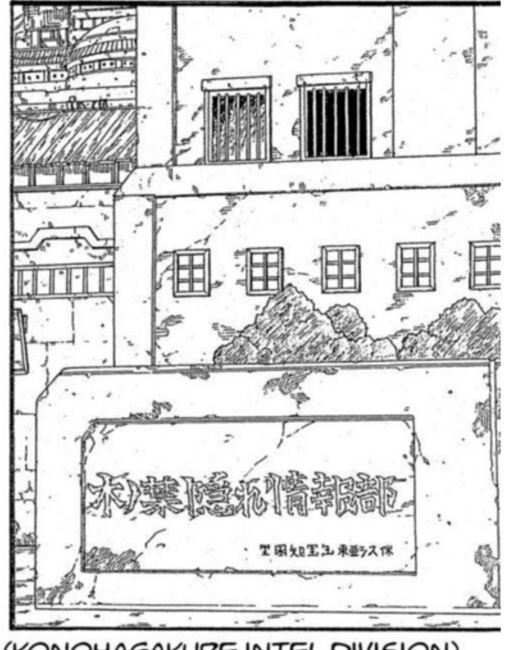
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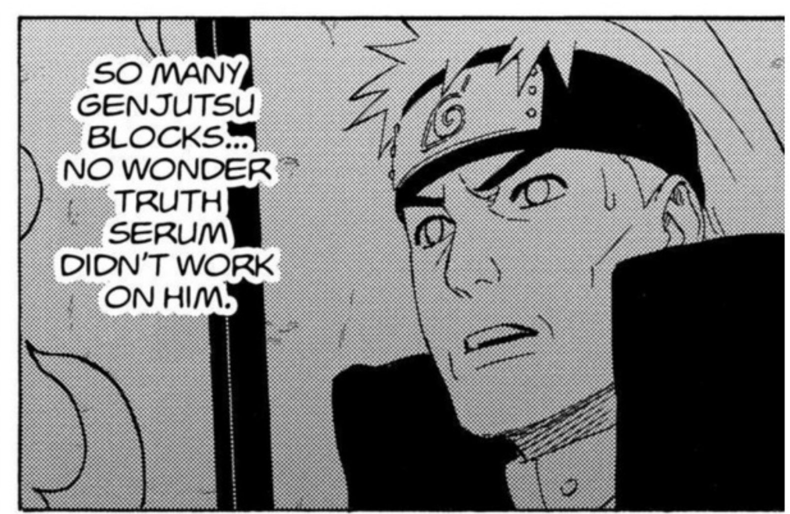







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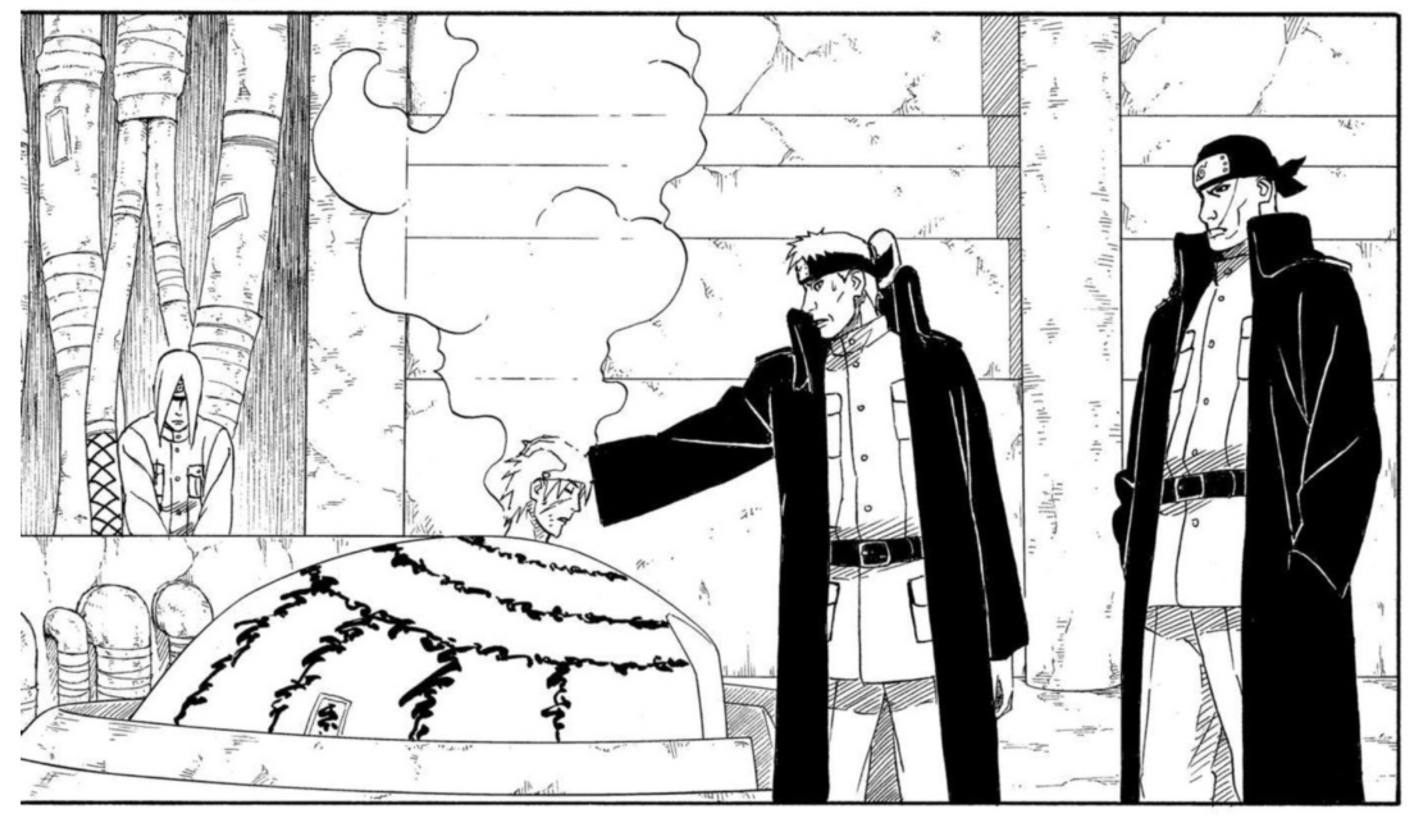




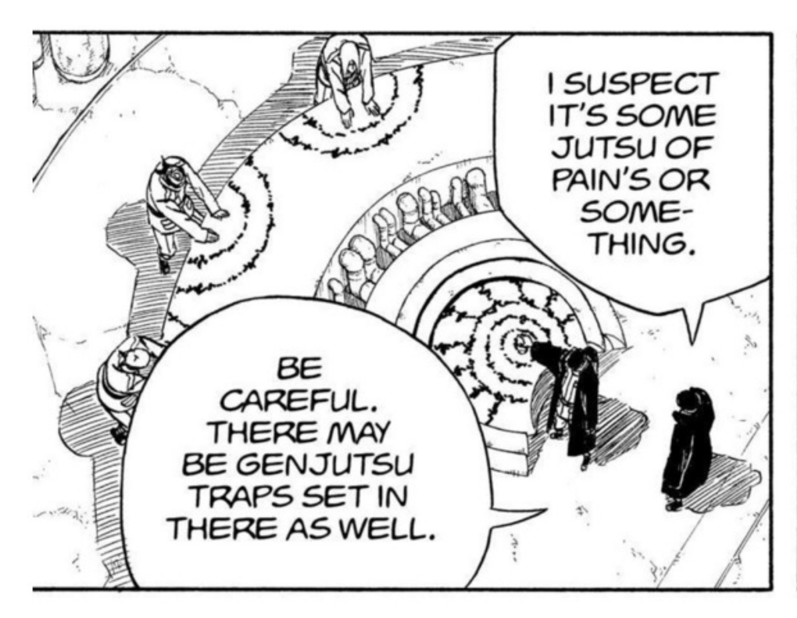





READ THIS WAY




IT'S NO USE... SOMEONE'S PLACED BLOCKS INSIDE HIS MIND.
IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO NAVIGATE PAST THEM.


I SUSPECT IT'S SOME JUTSU OF PAIN'S OR SOMETHING.
BE CAREFUL. THERE MAY BE GENJUTSU TRAPS SET IN THERE AS WELL.

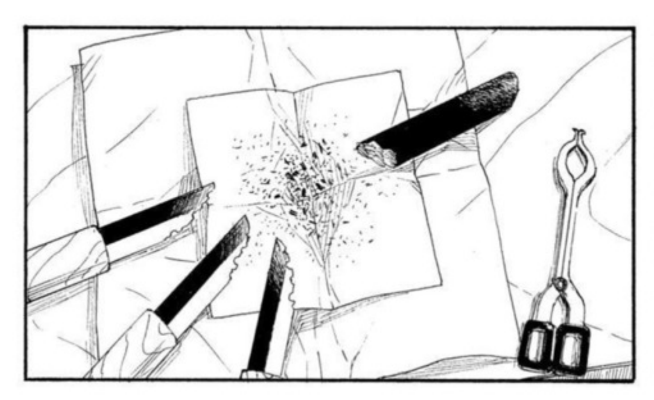

I KNOW.

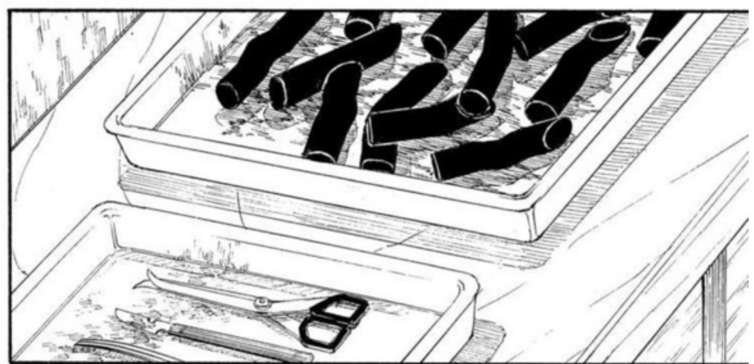

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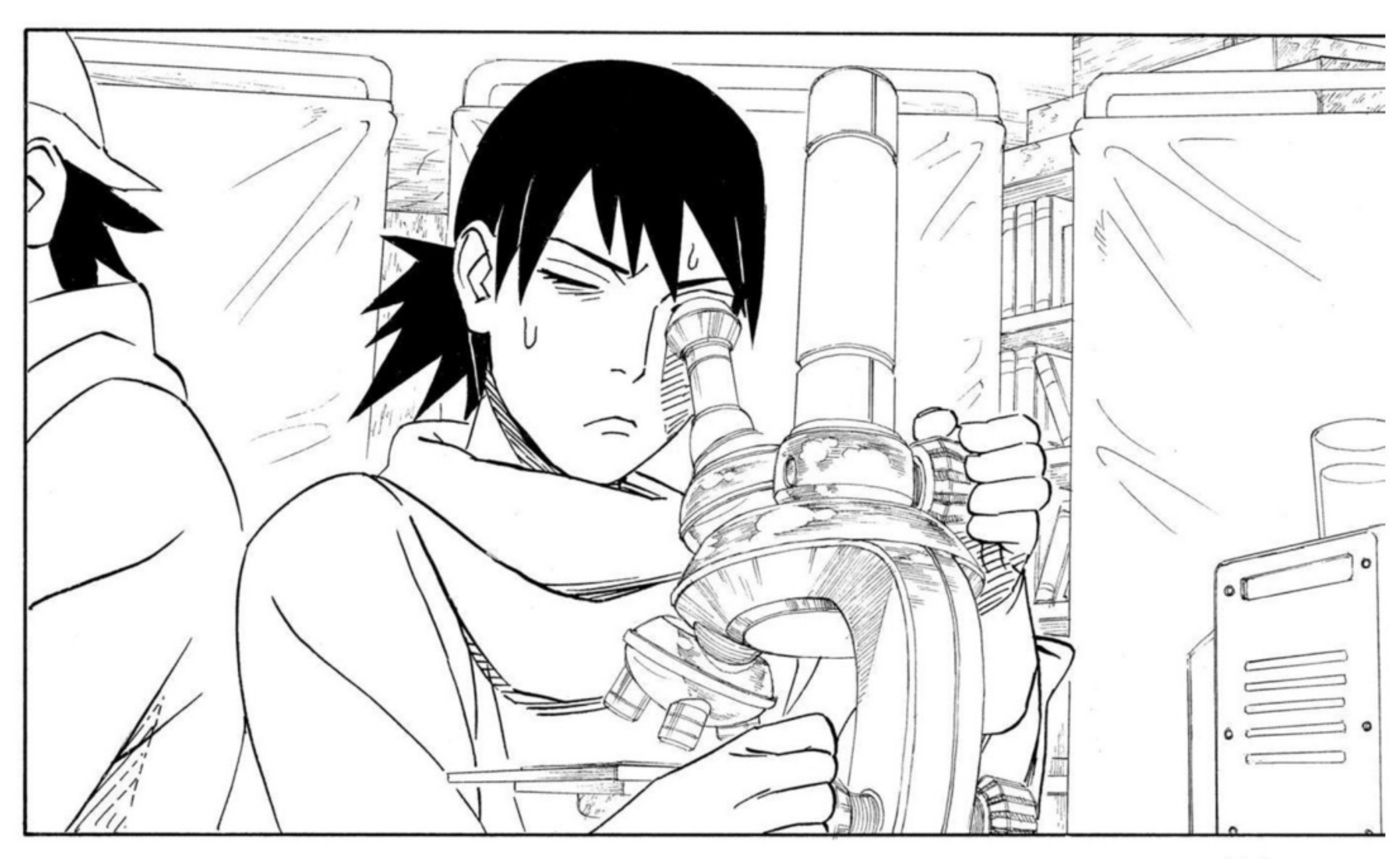


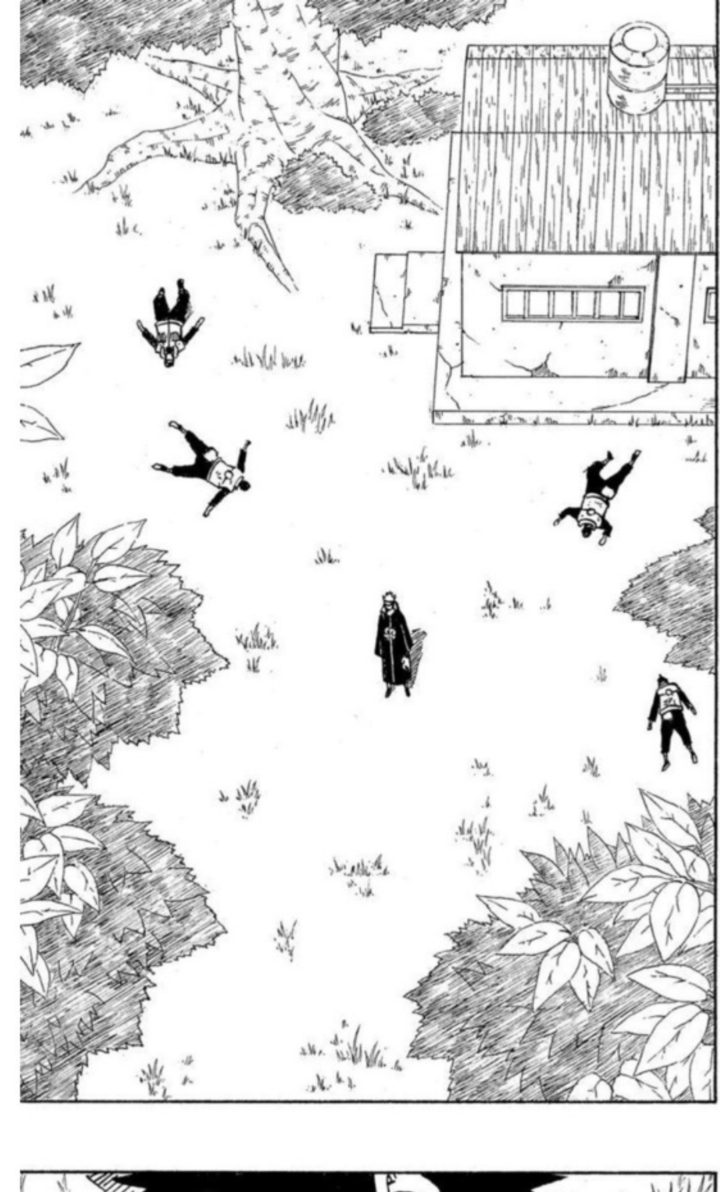


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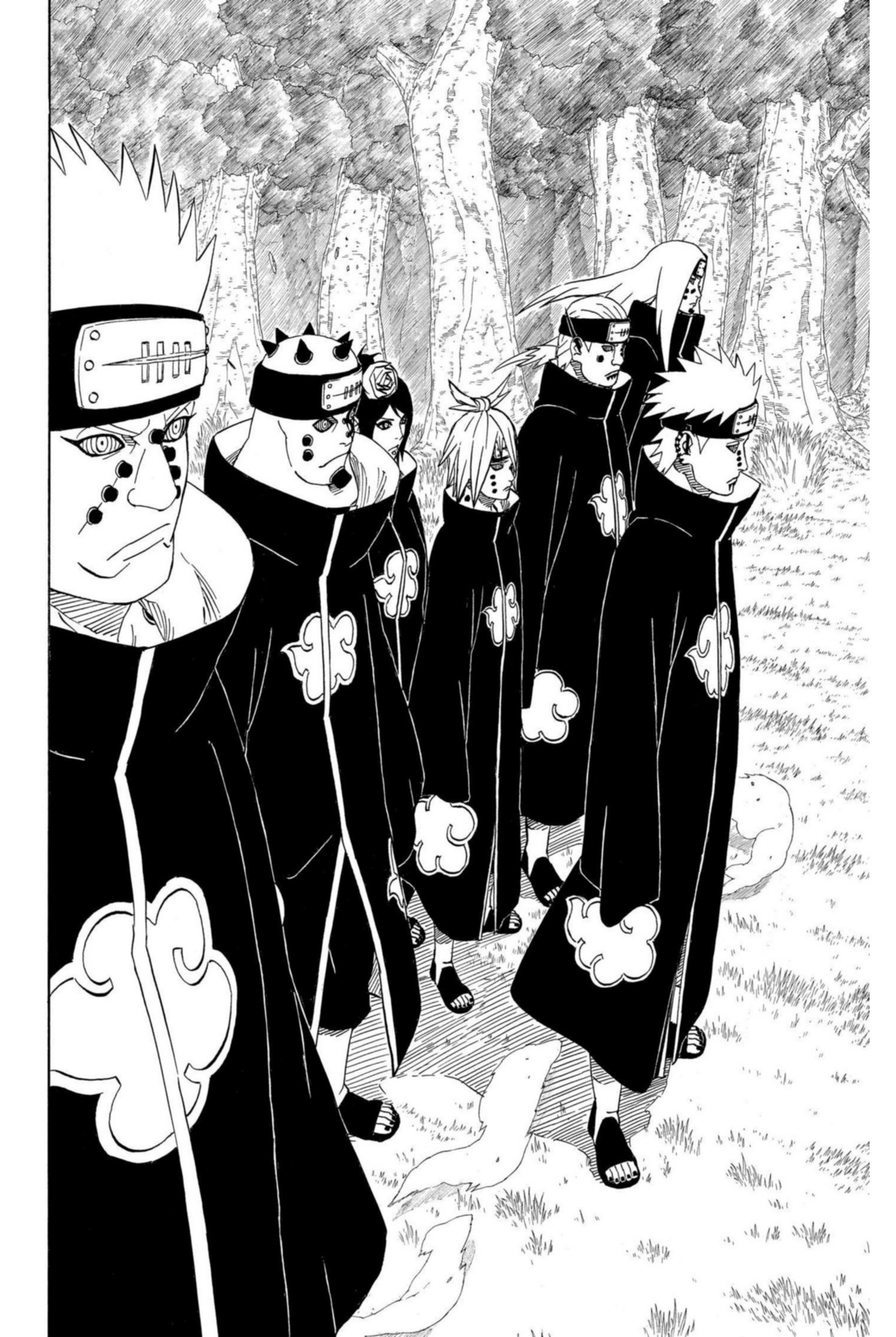







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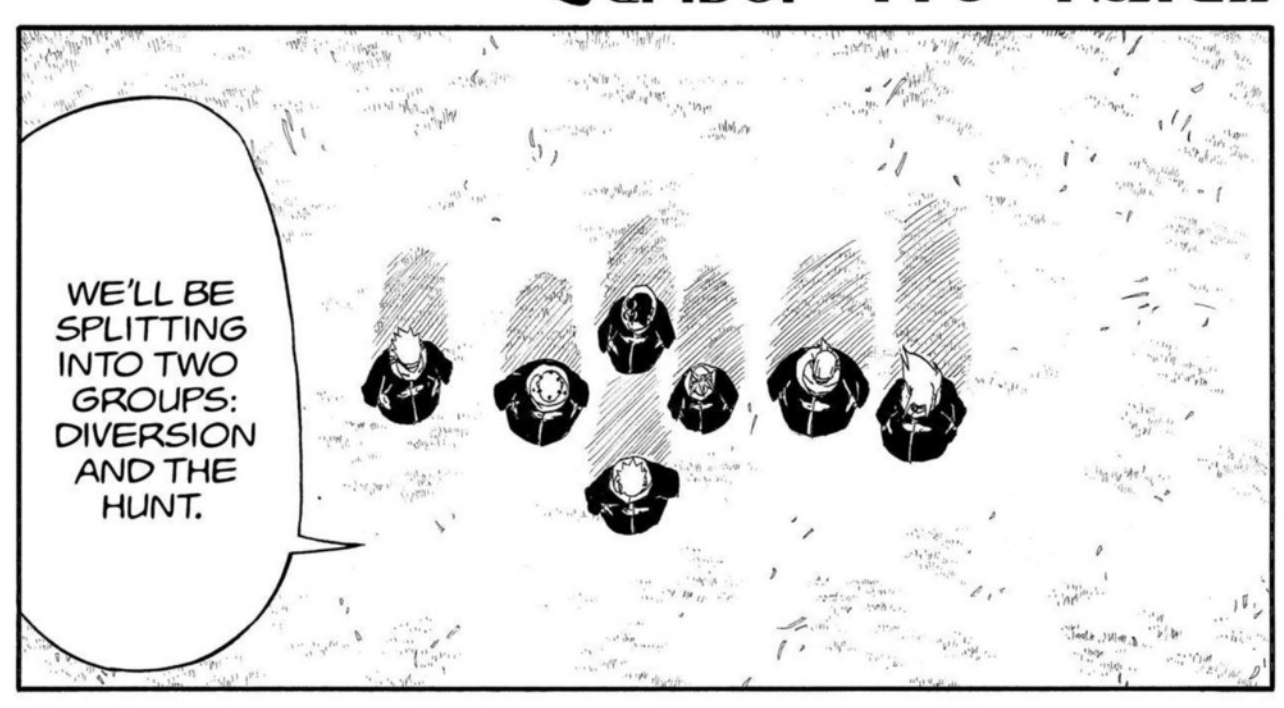

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NOW IS THE TIME TO DELIVER PAIN TO THE WORLD...


NARUTO

Number 419: Raid!!





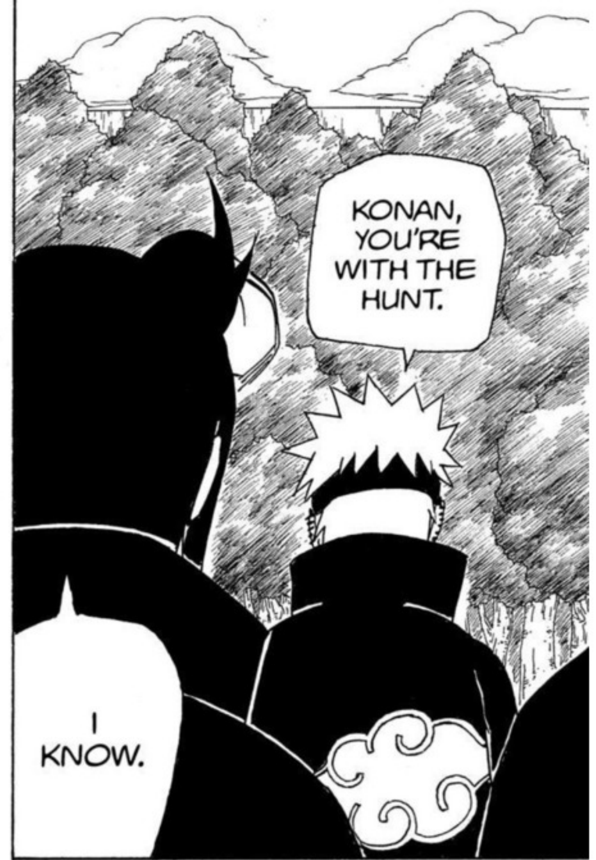




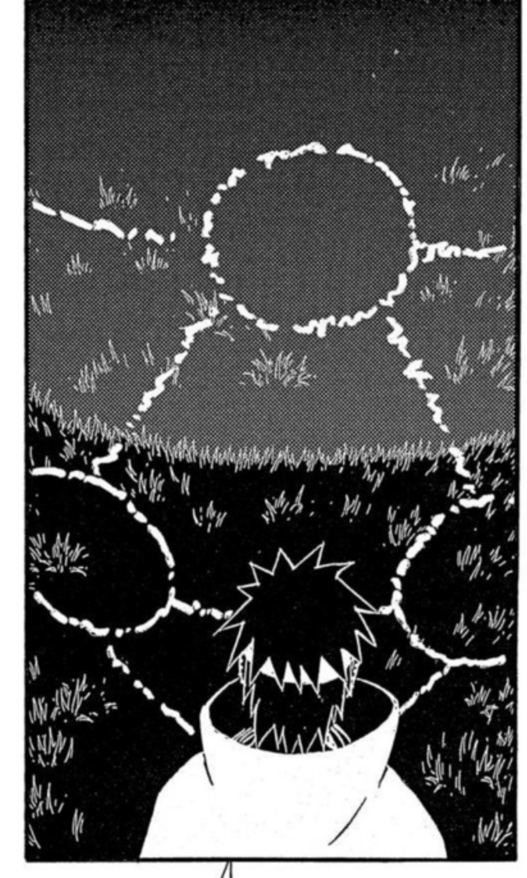


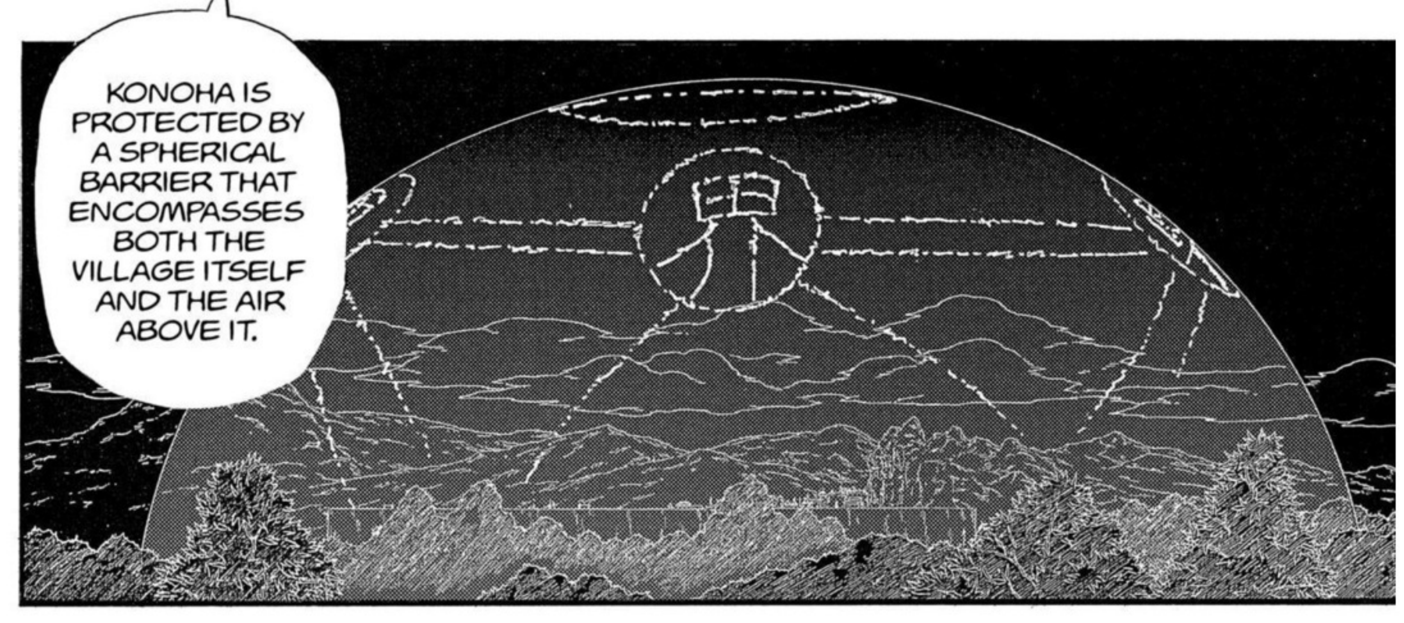


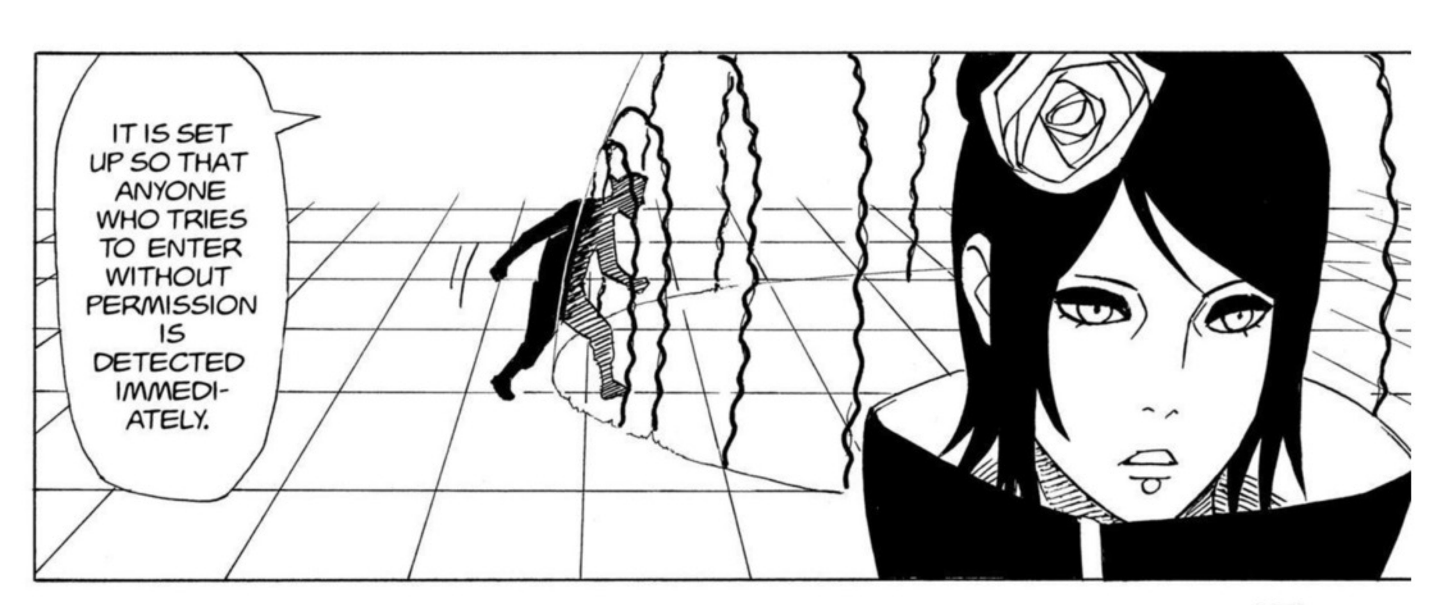



KONAN, YOU'RE WITH THE HUNT.
I KNOW.


SH
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KONOHA IS PROTECTED BY A SPHERICAL BARRIER THAT ENCOMPASSES BOTH THE VILLAGE ITSELF AND THE AIR ABOVE IT.


IT IS SET UP SO THAT ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ENTER WITHOUT PERMISSION IS DETECTED IMMEDI-ATELY.


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AS EXPLAINED, WE WILL LAUNCH CHIKUSHODO INTO THE SKIES ABOVE THE VILLAGE— AFTER INFILTRATING THE BARRIER SHE WILL SUMMON US.

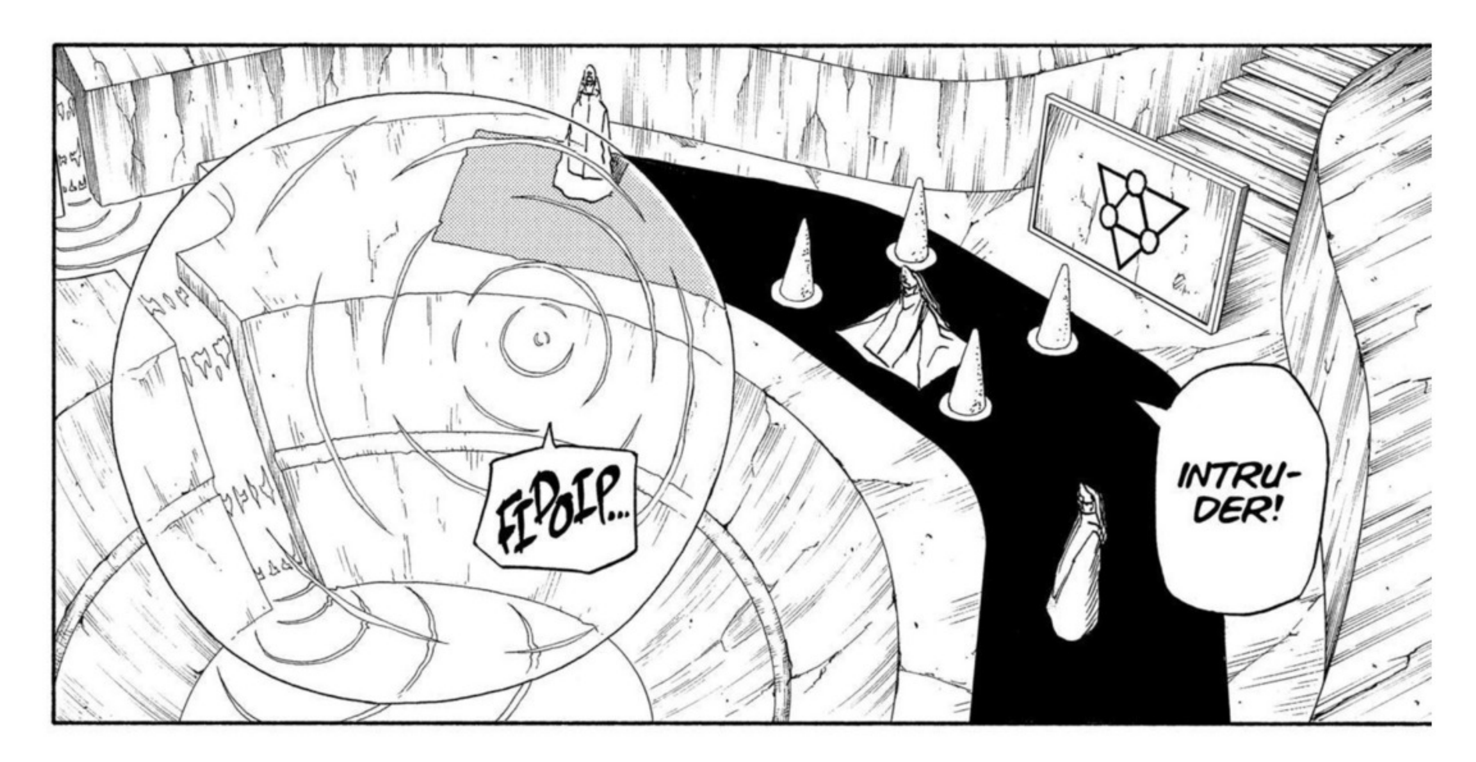

WE WILL CONFUSE THE ENEMY BY NOT GIVING THEM AN ACCURATE COUNT.
WAIT FOR CHIKU-SHODO'S SUMMON-ING.

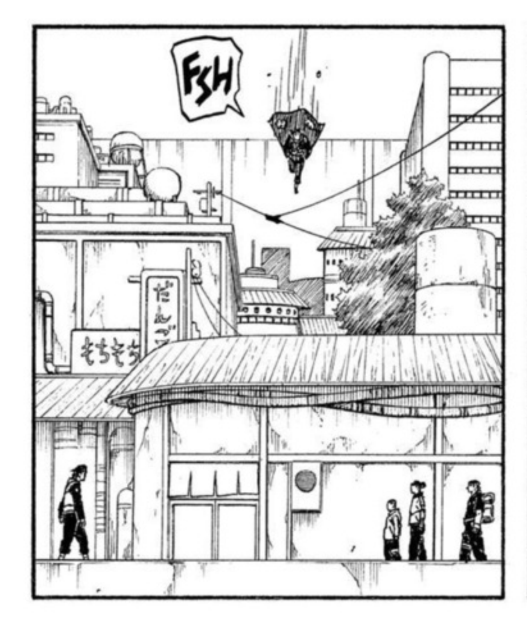

HOW DID ITACHI AND KISAME ENTER AND LEAVE SO EASILY...?
SHUP
ITACHI WAS ONCE KONOHA BLACK OPS.
HE KNEW THE JUTSU CODE TO GET THROUGH THE BARRIER.

FWTAP
I HAVE MY OWN WAY OF DOING THINGS.
FRRLL
FWP


FITIK
!


PHOOM


INTRU-
DER!
FIDOIP...


FSH


!
SINGLE TARGET, WEST GATE, SECTOR I-B.


TMP
BOOF
B-B-
DIS-PERSE!!
SHOOM
SKRIIITCH
ZWOOP


KABOOSH
WHAT'S THAT?
KER-
BOOSH
ARGH!
BA-ROOMBLE
BA-ROOMBLE

BOOF

WAAAAH!!

WHAT THE?!

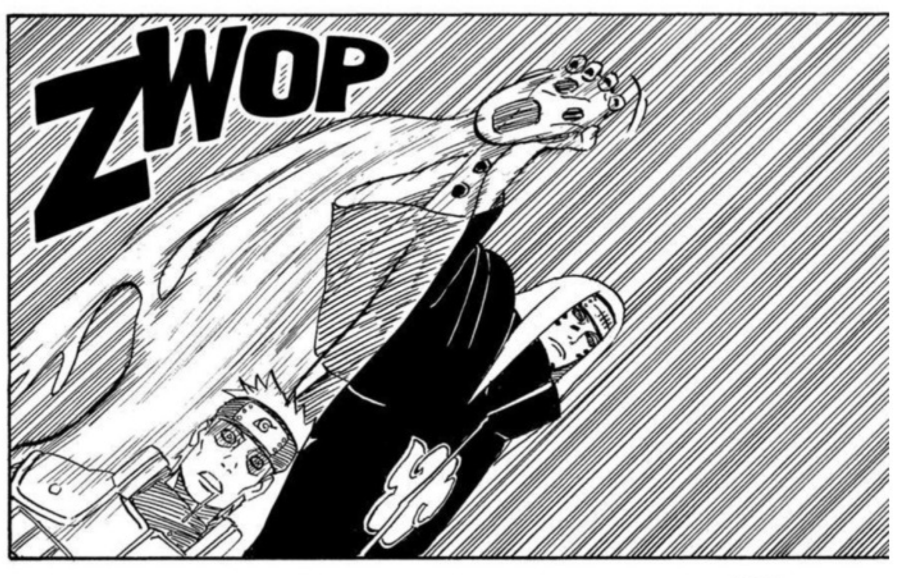
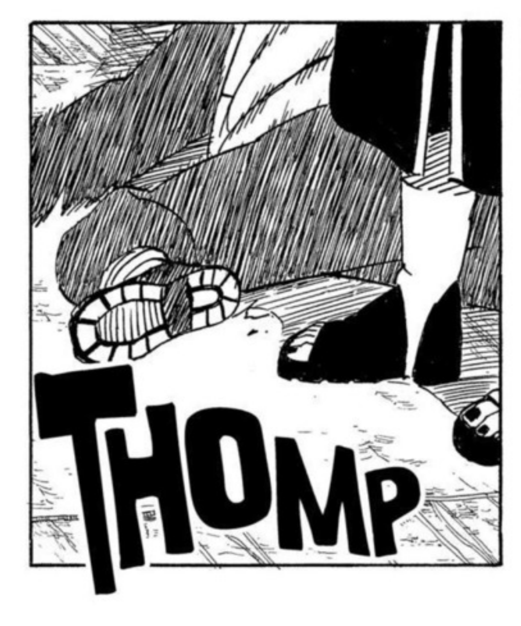
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NO INFORMATION ON NINE TAILS, EH...
KRRNNCH

ZWOP

THOMP





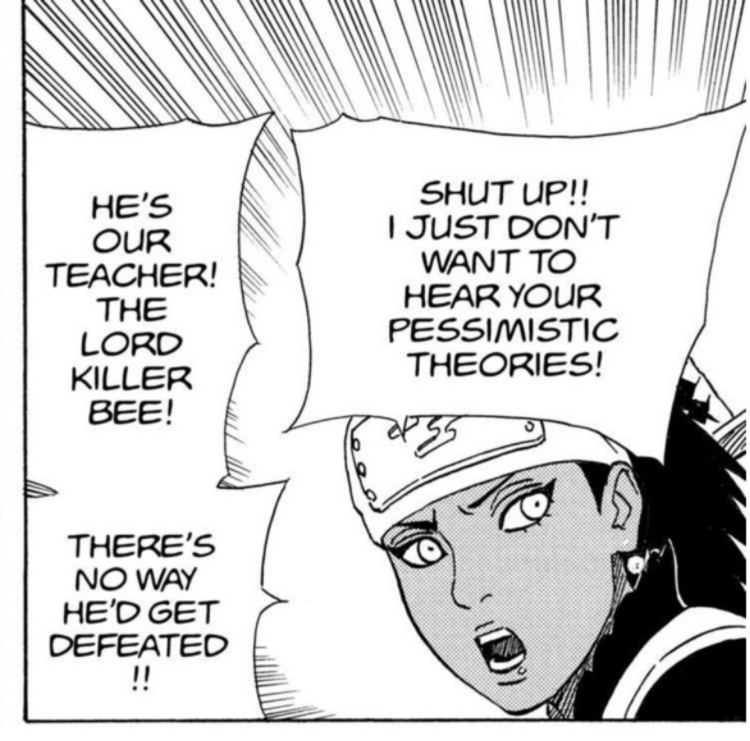
(FROM RAIKAGE)










SHUT UP!! I JUST DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR PESSIMISTIC THEORIES!
HE'S OUR TEACHER! THE LORD KILLER BEE!
THERE'S NO WAY HE'D GET DEFEATED !!


AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT LORD BEE?!
JUST CUZ I'M WORRIED DOESN'T MEAN I'M GOING TO RUSH TO CRAZY CONCLUSIONS!


STOP IT, YOU TWO...!
!


WE SHALL RESCUE BEE NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!!
FSSSH...
WE WILL RESCUE HIM!!


FSSSH
LORD RAIKAGE ...!!
FSSSH


ZWOOO...







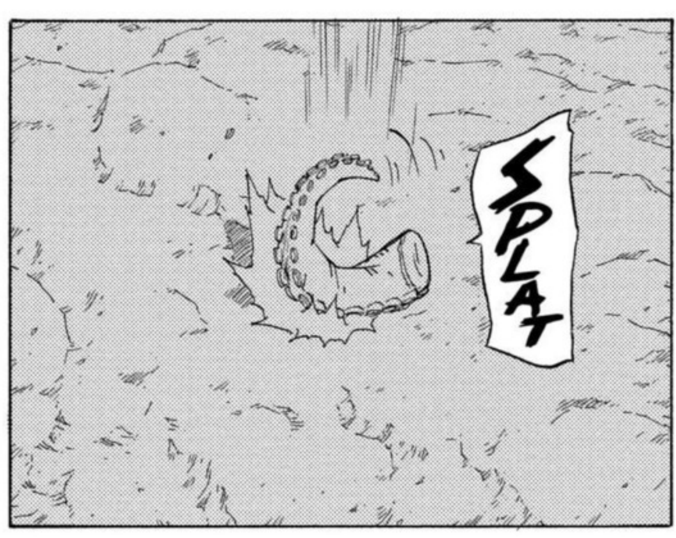
WITH SO FEW PEOPLE, IT SURE IS TAKING A WHILE.

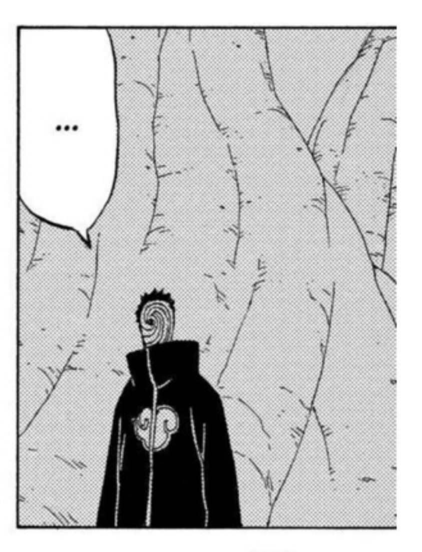
SHUT UP AND FOCUS!

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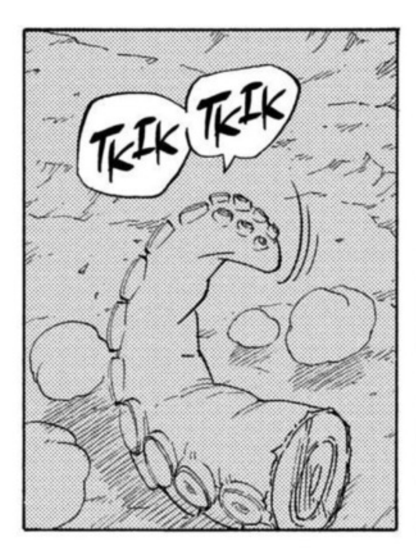
BOOF


IT APPEARS... SASUKE HAS BLUNDERED ...
SWSH...


SPLAT


...

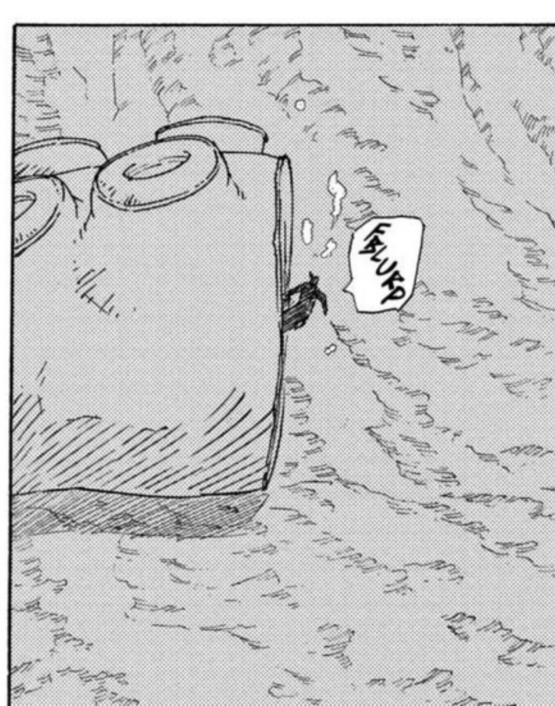

A-HA-HA-HA! IT'S AN OCTOPUS LEG!
IT'S NOT FUNNY!


TKIK
TKIK



TWEENG

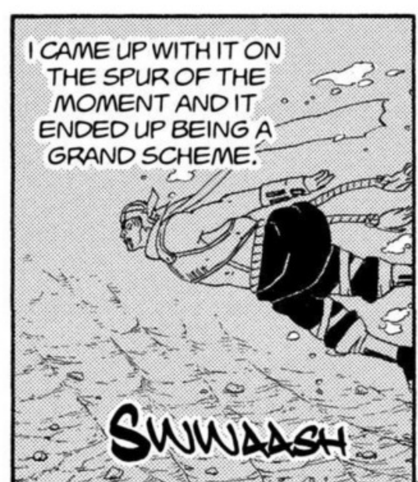
POP







SPLOSH


I CAME UP WITH IT ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT AND IT ENDED UP BEING A GRAND SCHEME.
SWWAASH

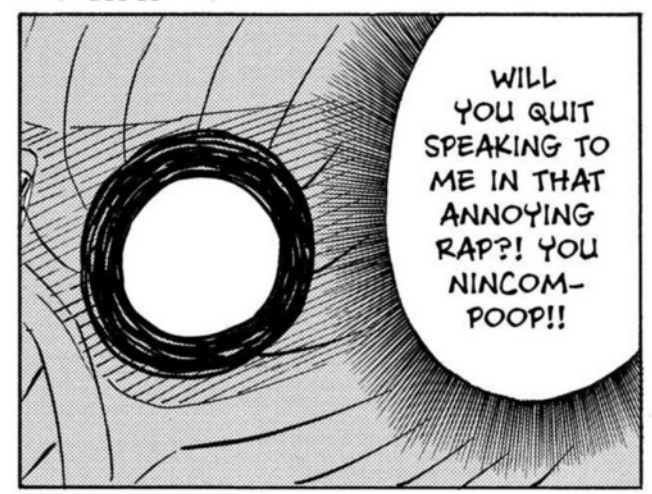

SPRRSH


VWEENT
VWEENT
GOOD... THERE'S NO ONE NEARBY.

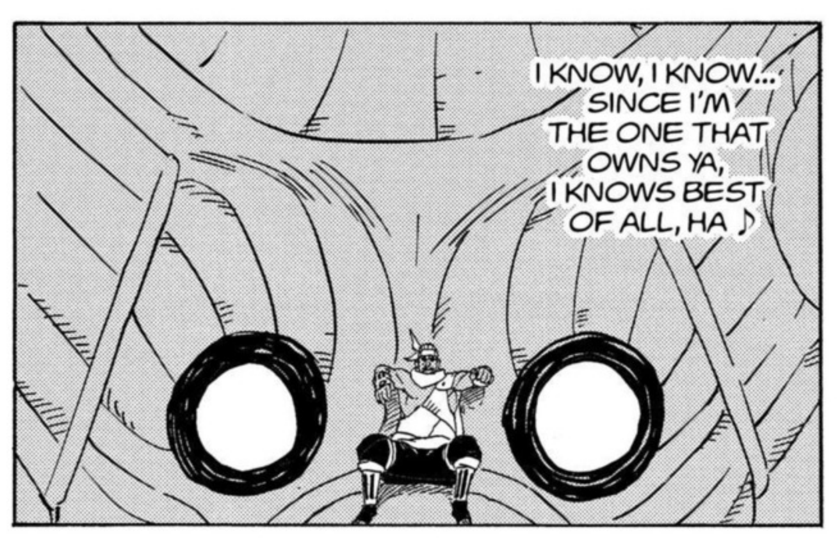

GRAND SCHEME, WHATEVER! YOU SACRIFICED SEVERAL OF MY LIMBS!

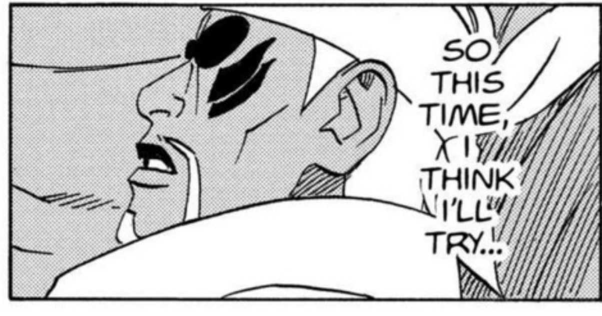

READ
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NOW, NOW, DON'T GET MAD, MY BOY EIGHT-O ♪ YA KNOW THEY'LL REGROW ♪ AND YA KNOW I WAS RIGHT, YO.


WILL YOU QUIT SPEAKING TO ME IN THAT ANNOYING RAP?! YOU NINCOM-POOP!!




I KNOW, I KNOW... SINCE I'M THE ONE THAT OWNS YA, I KNOWS BEST OF ALL, HA ♪


SO THIS TIME, I THINK I'LL TRY...

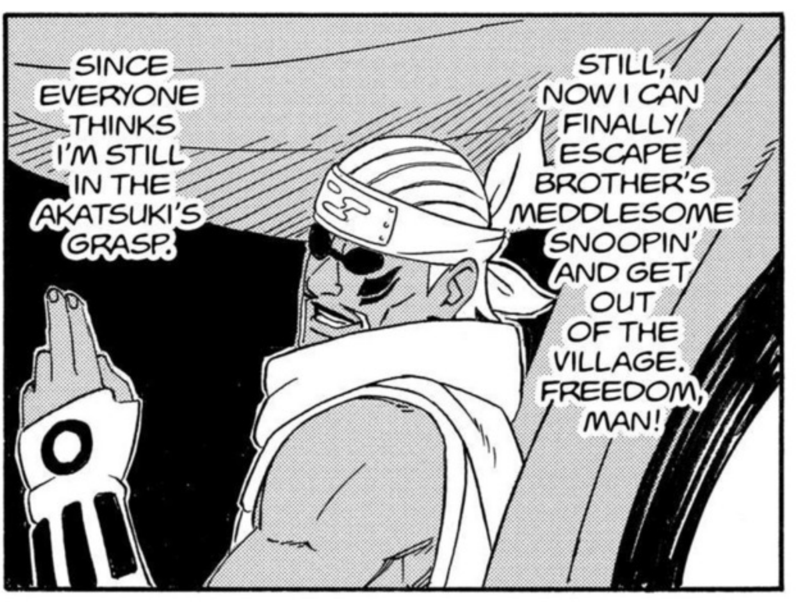

YOU'LL TRY WHAT? ANOTHER HALF-CRACKED IDEA?! DON'T YOU DO IT!


SLOSH
SLOSH

ENKA ...!

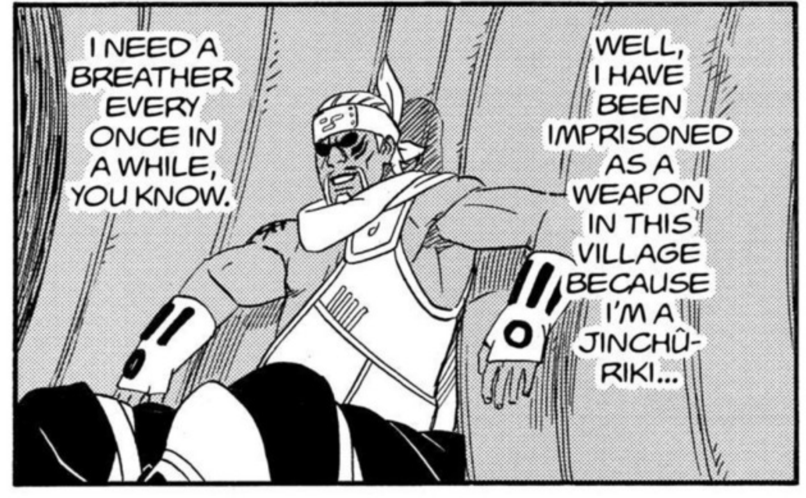
YEA!!

...


STILL, NOW I CAN FINALLY ESCAPE BROTHER'S MEDDLESOME SNOOPIN' AND GET OUT OF THE VILLAGE. FREEDOM, MAN!
SINCE EVERYONE THINKS I'M STILL IN THE AKATSUKI'S GRASP.


I BET RAIKAGE IS ON THE RAMPAGE RIGHT NOW...
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?


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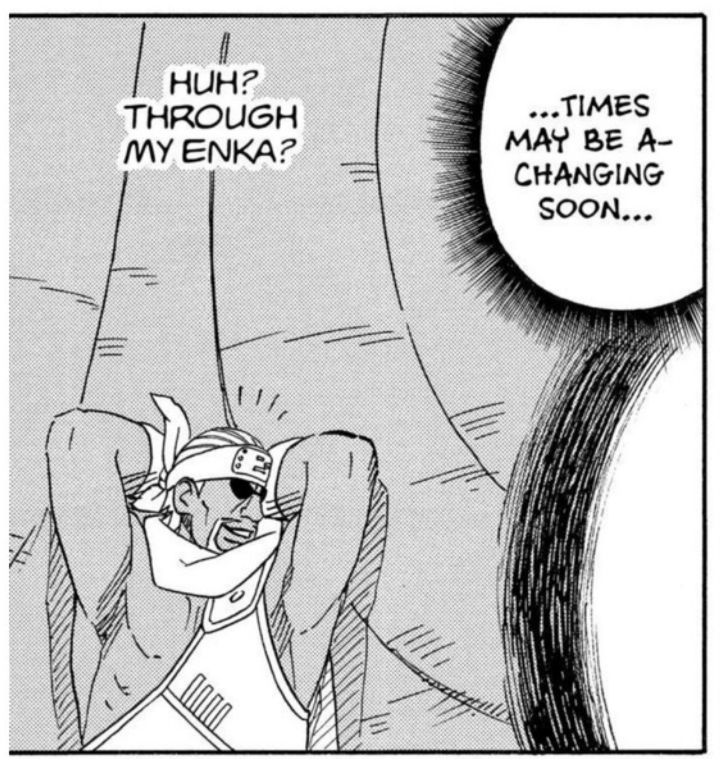

WELL, I HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED AS A WEAPON IN THIS VILLAGE BECAUSE I'M A JINCHÛ-RIKI...
I NEED A BREATHER EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU KNOW.


SO... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?


WHEN IT COMES TO ENKA, MASTER SABU-CHAN'S DA MAN!
BLAZE DA NAME INTO YA BRAIN, FOOL. HE'S DA KING OF ENKA NINJA.
WHO'S THAT?


HOW CAN YOU BE SO FLIPPANT... THE AKATSUKI WON'T SIT STILL THAT LONG.
PLUS, HAVING SUMMONED ME, YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH STAMINA LEFT.
DID YOU REALLY NEED TO CALL ON ME WHEN YOU HAD THE UPPER HAND?


WELL, THAT SHARINGAN DUDE'S PROBABLY THE TOUGHEST FELLOW I'VE EVER FOUGHT...
I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
SHUPSHUP


...TIMES MAY BE A-CHANGING SOON...
HUH? THROUGH MY ENKA?


IMPRES-SIVE JUMPIN' ABILITY!
YER KAWAZU KUMITE IS GOIN' QUITE WELL TOO.
TMP
KASH
KASH
KASH
KASH
KASH
Number 420: Battlefield, Konoha!!
BO
HEH!
OF
ART OF THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!!!
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AND THAT WAS JUST A WARM-UP!!

TMP

UNH ...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!

KSH

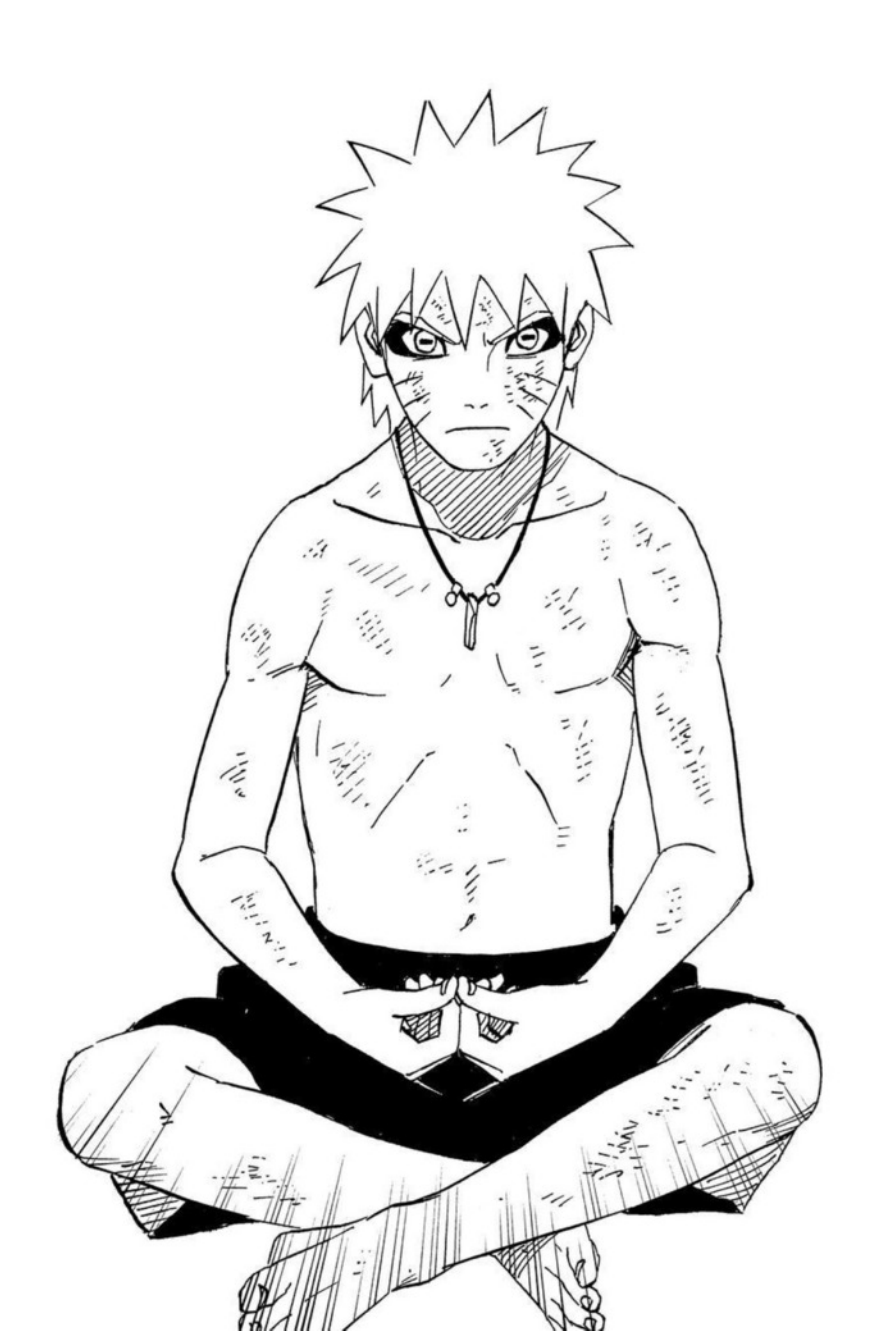
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NARUTO

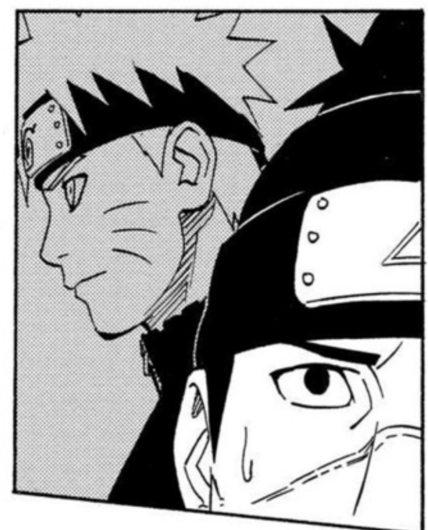



READ
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WAY


TELL ME THE LOCATION OF NINE TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI HOST.
OR I SHALL DESTROY YOU.
SSSH...


...HUH... SO HE'S AKATSUKI...


SPEAK NOW.




I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TELLING YOU ANYTHING.


I SEE...


SWOOO


FWI
TAP


ONE HALF LOUDLY WREAKING HAVOC TO DIVERT OUR ATTENTION ...
...WHILE THE OTHER HALF HUNTS IN THE SHADOWS ...





TAKE THAT INJURED FELLOW WITH YOU AND WITH-DRAW.

LEAVE THIS SCENE TO ME.

FWIP

ROGER!

GOOD LUCK, KAKASHI.

TAK

EARTH STYLE! MUD WALL!!

WHUMPH

D-D-D-D-DOOM



BZZZAK

TAK

LIGHTNING BLADE!!

BZZAK

!





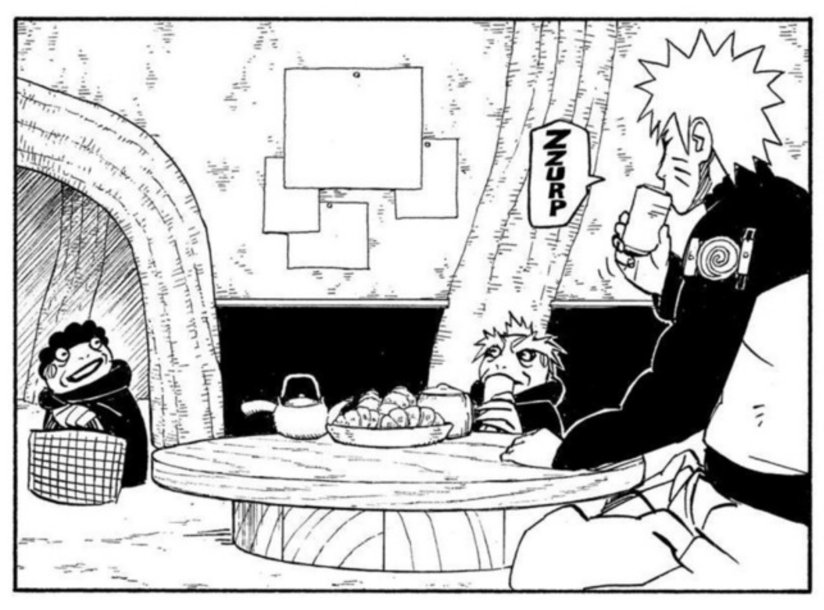
THE MIRROR NINJA HATAKE KAKASHI... IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU.
TELL ME, WHERE IS NINE TAILS?
SQUILCH
THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION.
TAK


BZZZ
ZAKK

TOK

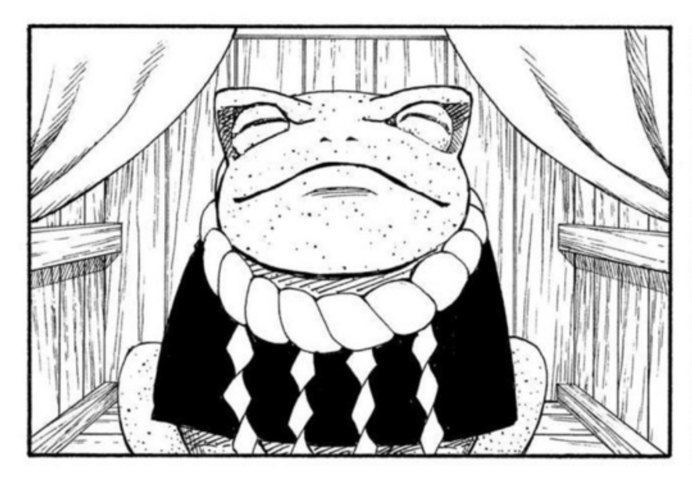
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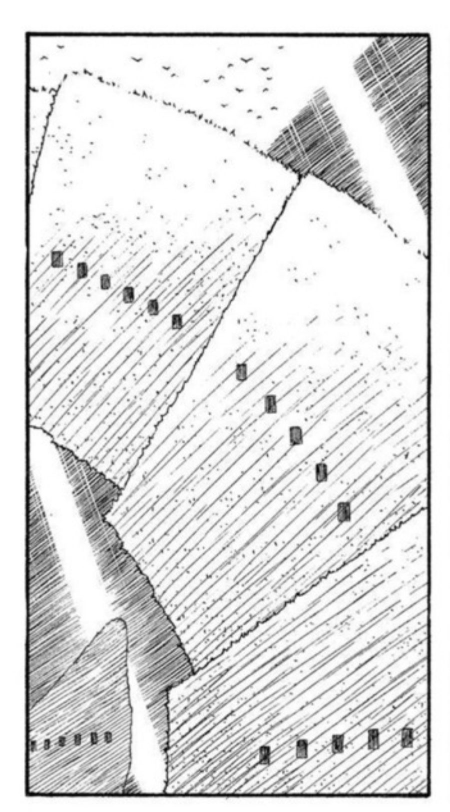

ZZURP


ALL RIGHT, I'M GONNA PROCURE US SOME FRESH INGREDI-ENTS.


MA, GET SOME STAMINA-BUILDIN' STUFF, EH!
NOT GROSS STUFF AGAIN... UGH...








NOW THAT YOU'RE NOT ONLY ABLE TO MANIPULATE SAGE JUTSU CHAKRA...
...BUT HAVE MASTERED THE BASICS OF KAWAZU KUMITE AND SAGE TECHNIQUES ...
...I NEED TO DISCUSS WIT' YA ONE FINAL THING.


WH- WHAT'S THAT?
YOU'RE SUDDENLY SO SERIOUS.


WELL ...
...IT'S ABOUT THE RISKS OF USIN' THE SAGE MODE.

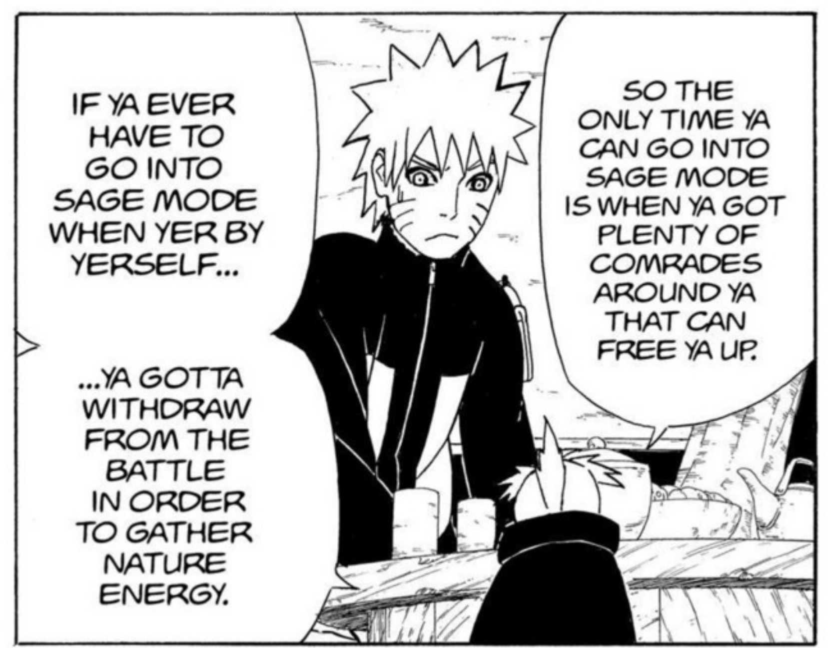

RISKS ...?


THAT'S RIGHT...
...ONCE YA FULLY GRASP THESE HERE RISKS...
...YA CAN EXPLOIT SAGE MODE TO ITS FULLEST EXTENT!


WHAT RISKS?
FIRST, AS YA'VE PROBABLY ALREADY FIGGERED OUT, YA CAN'T MAINTAIN SAGE MODE FOR TOO LONG... MAYBE FIVE MINUTES AT MOST.


AND TO ENTER SAGE MODE, YA GOTTA DRAW IN NATURE ENERGY, FOR WHICH YA NEED TO FOLLOW THE PRINCIPLE DON'T MOVE.
WHICH MEANS YA CAN'T USE IT WHEN YER ALREADY IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE.
FOR IF YA STOP MOVIN', YA BECOME AN EASY TARGET FOR YER ENEMY.


READ THIS WAY


SO THE ONLY TIME YA CAN GO INTO SAGE MODE IS WHEN YA GOT PLENTY OF COMRADES AROUND YA THAT CAN FREE YA UP.
IF YA EVER HAVE TO GO INTO SAGE MODE WHEN YER BY YERSELF...
...YA GOTTA WITHDRAW FROM THE BATTLE IN ORDER TO GATHER NATURE ENERGY.


WHA ?!!
THAT'S STUPID!
SO WHAT WAS ALL THIS TRAINING FOR...?!


DON'T BE SO GLUM.
THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?


IF YOU AND I MERGE OUR BODIES, IT'LL BE FINE!


...


KB-KIB BIT
KIB BIT-KIB BIT-KIB BIT


AAAARGH!!!
ALL IT MEANS IS I'LL BE LOOSELY ATTACHED TO YER SHOULDER OR BACK.




O-OHHH.
BUT WHY IS IT GONNA BE FINE IF WE DO THIS MERGE THING?


TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT MEANS TO SPLIT THE ROLES OF STILLNESS AND ACTION.
WHILE ONE OF US IS MOVIN', THE OTHER IS BEIN' STILL 'N TAKIN' IN NATURE ENERGY.


IN JIRAIYA-BOY'S CASE, THE FINAL FORM OF HIS SAGE MODE HAD MA AND ME BOTH RIDIN' HIS SHOULDERS.
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OKAY... I GET IT NOW.

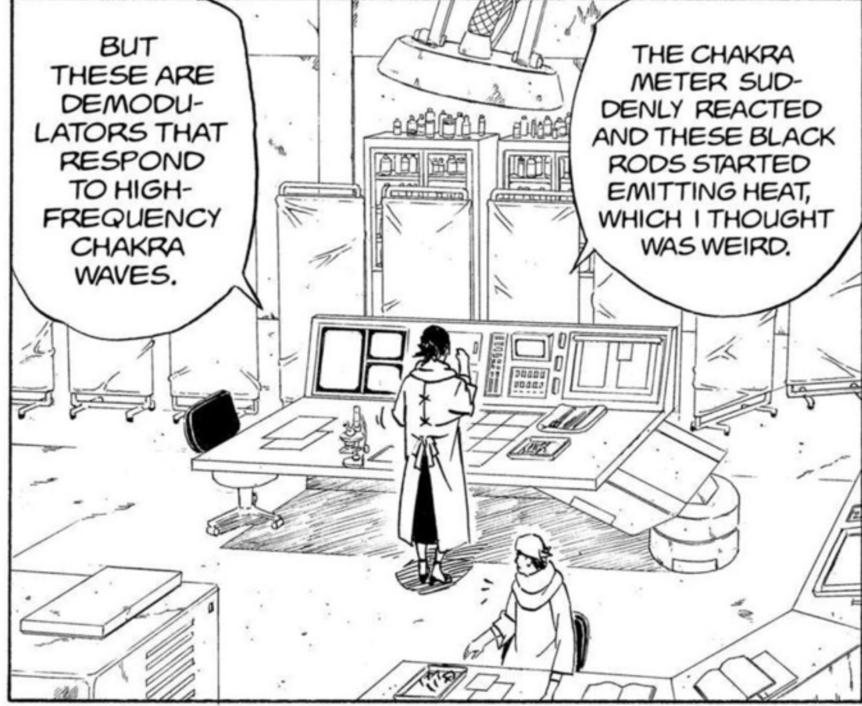
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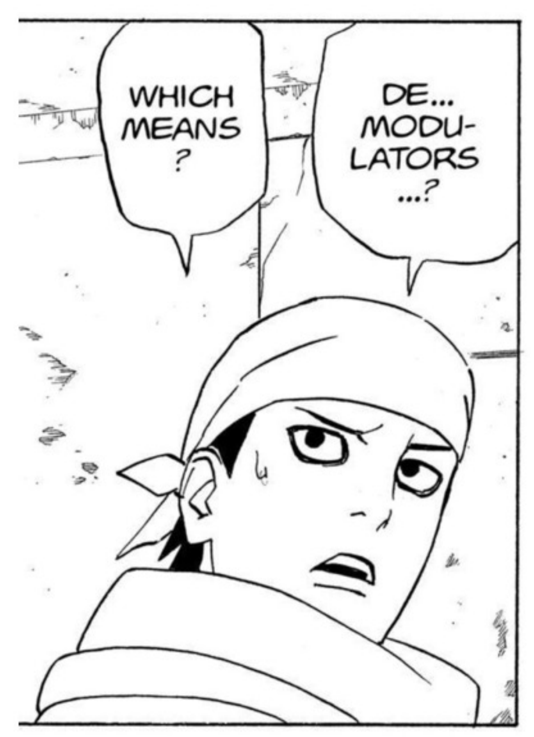






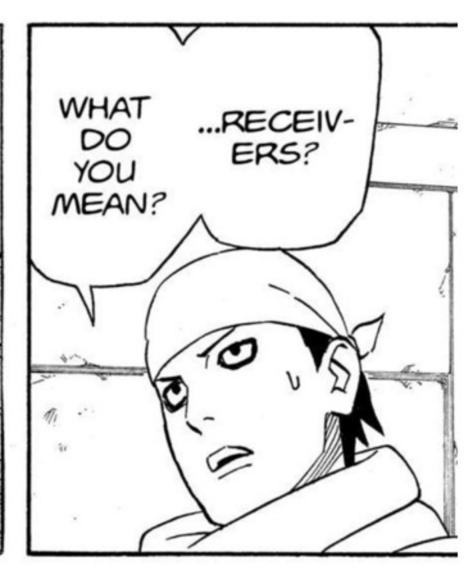






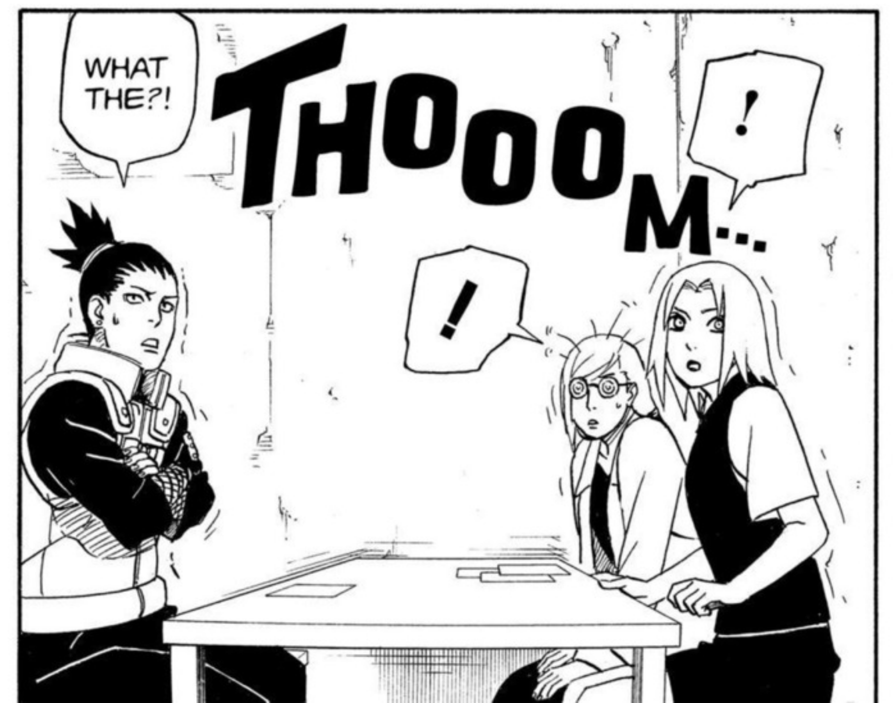
IN SHORT, THEY'RE CHAKRA RECEIVERS!

AND IT'S RECEIVING CHAKRA NOW!



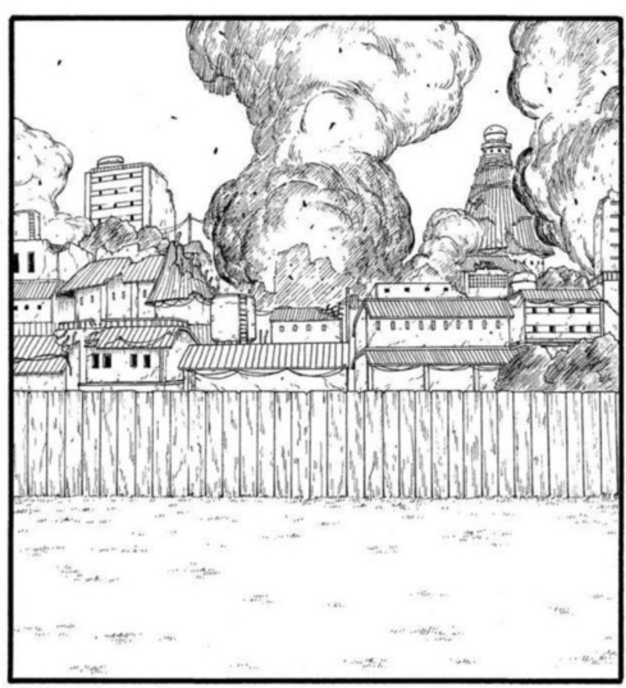




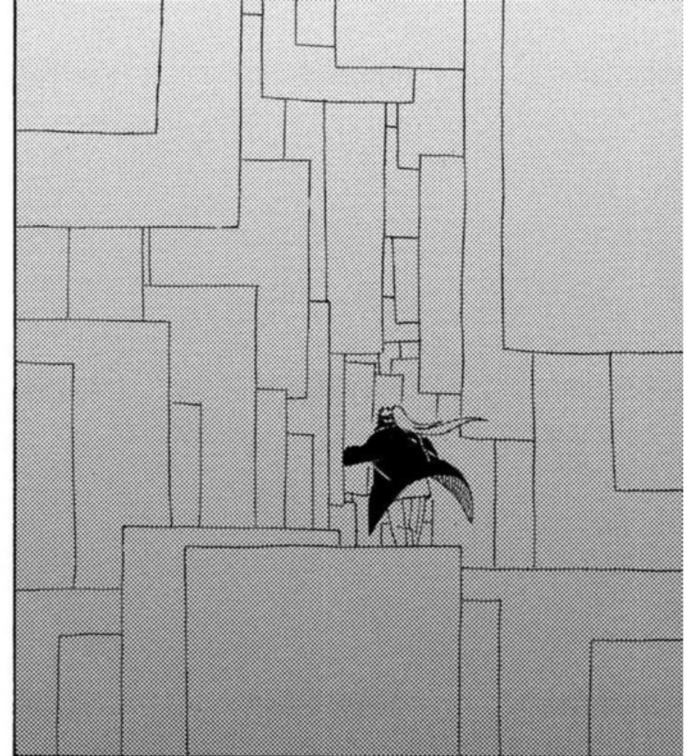



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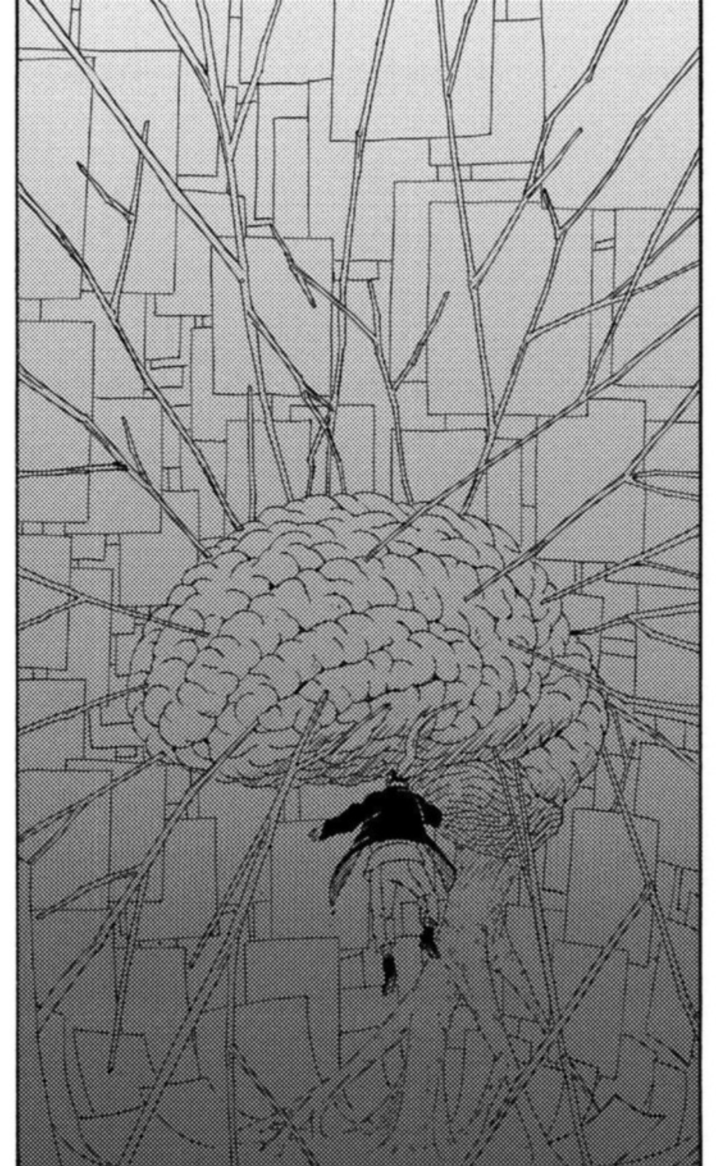


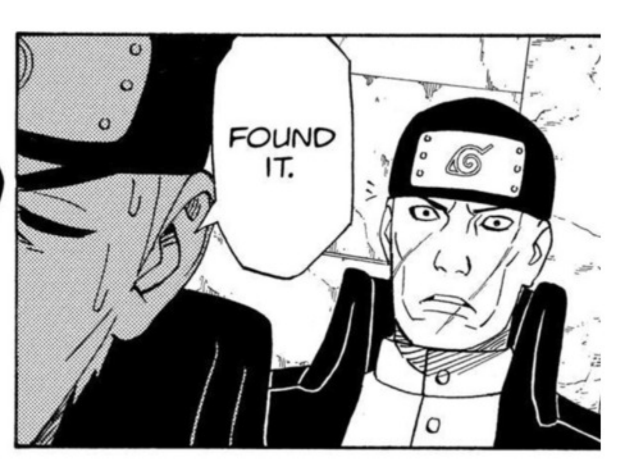


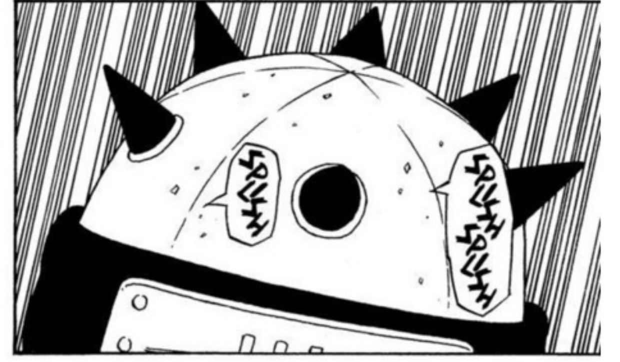
WHAT'S THAT...?
LET'S GO!




!
SHK




FOUND IT.



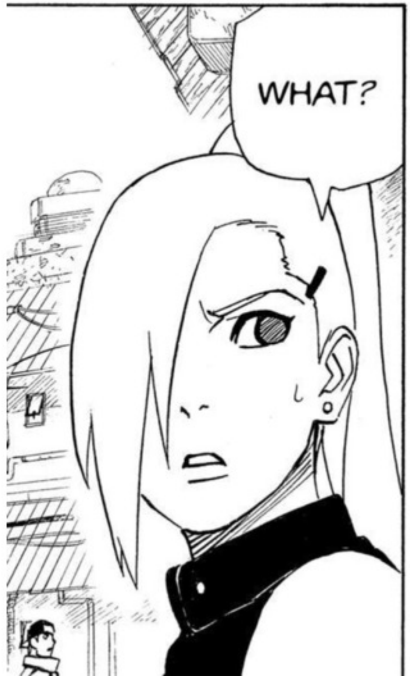

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VWEEN

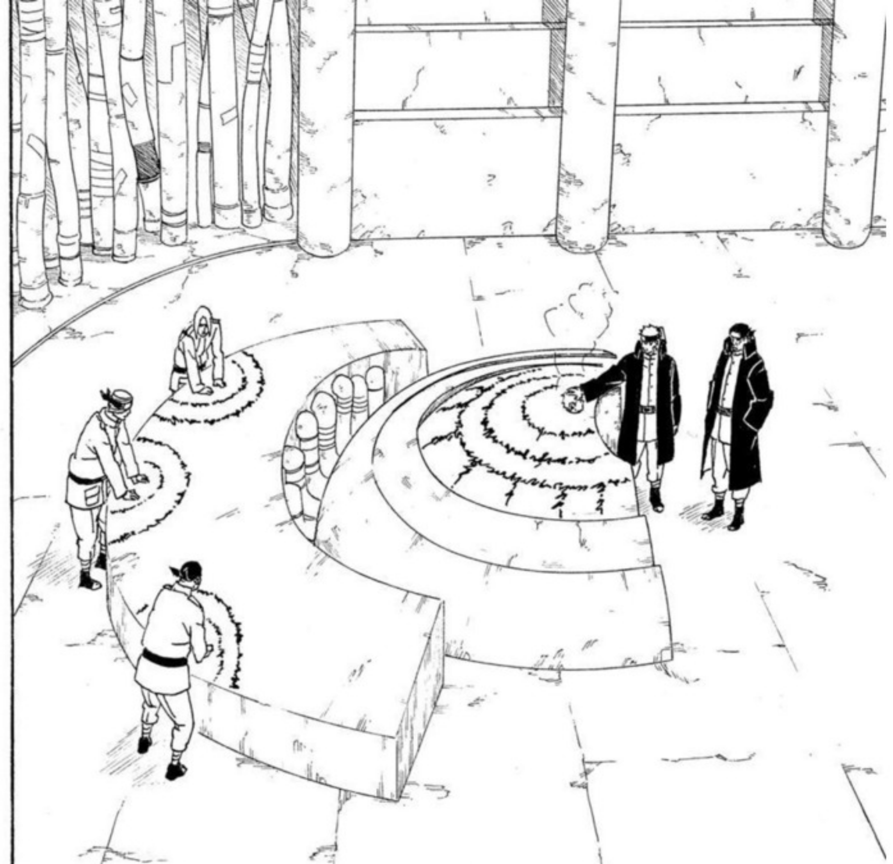
FWOOSH

BAROOMBLE



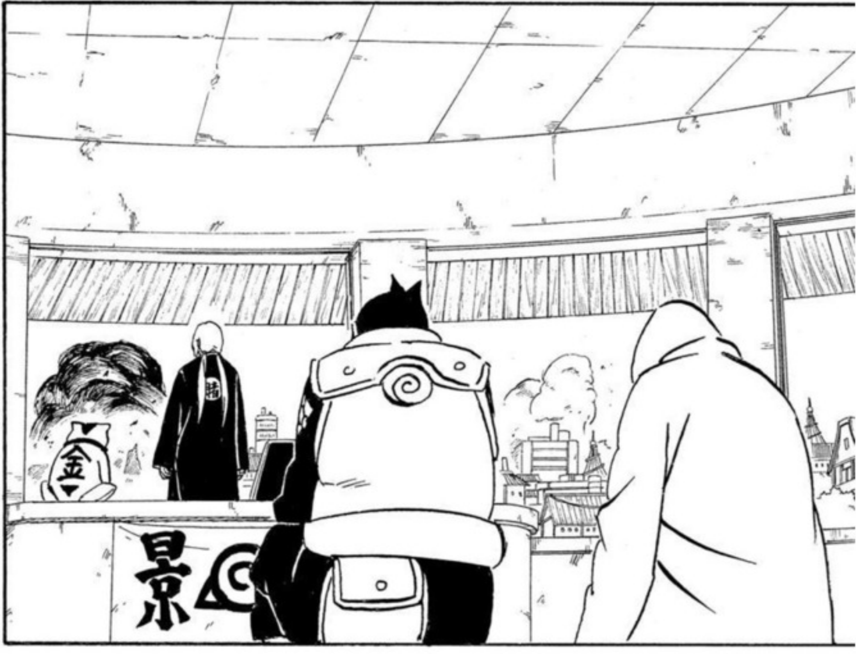





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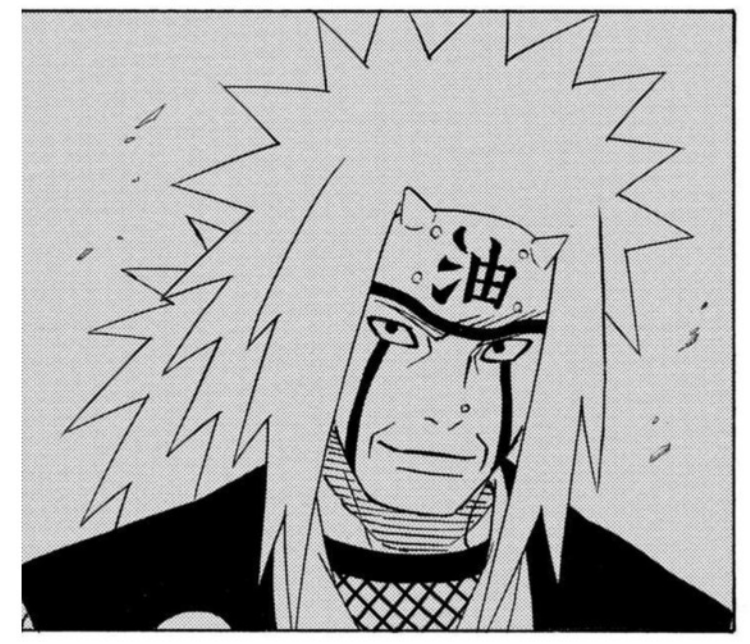
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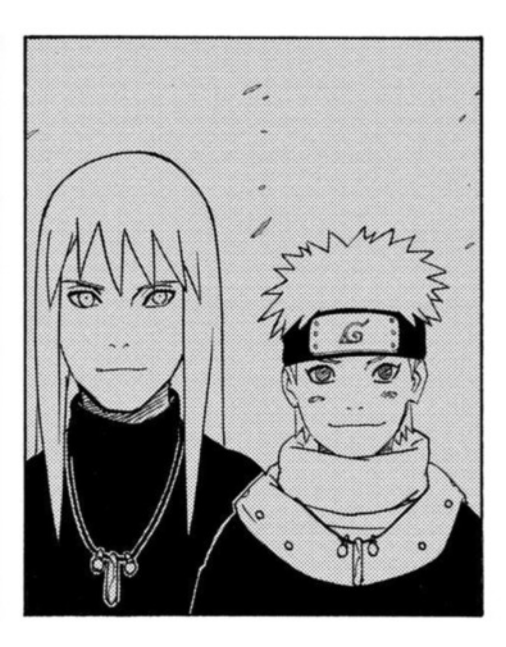
FATHER! THE VILLAGE, IT'S...!

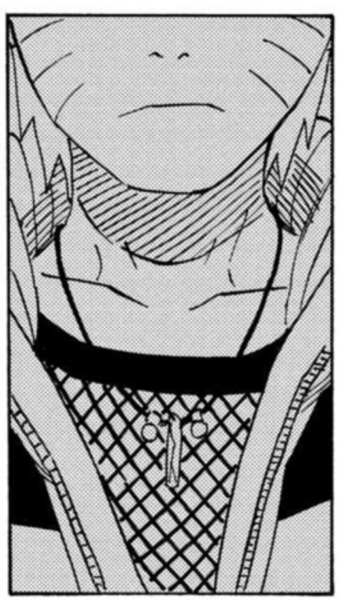
IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED ...

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READ
THIS
WAY


IT MAKES ME HOPE MORE THAN ANYTHIN'... THAT HE IS THE CHILD O' PROPHECY.
FOR JIRAIYA-BOY CLEARLY BEQUEATHED HIS ALL TO HIM.


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SOUND THE STATE OF EMER-GENCY ALARM.
AND...


... RECALL NARUTO!


NARUTO

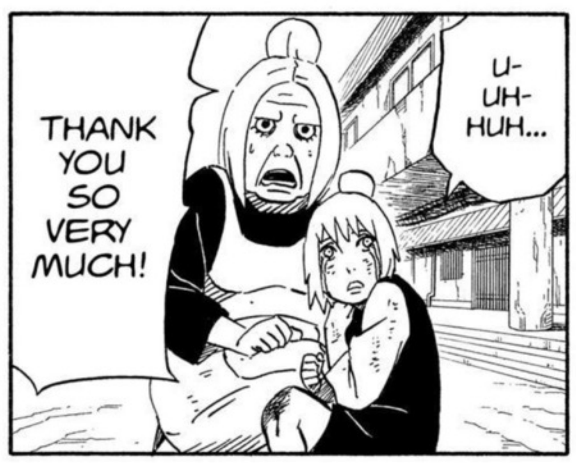

BOOOM
あめ
AIEE!
RUN!
HEY, DON'T PUSH!
HURRY!
Number 421: Recall Naruto!!
AIEE!
THWUMP
ZWOOOOOO
RUN!!
!
TAMI!
SWOOO

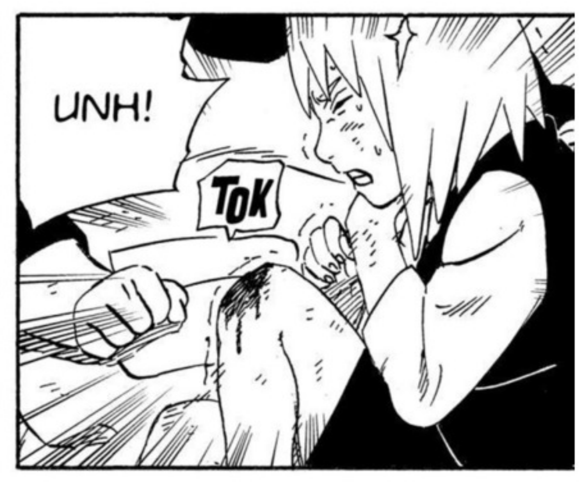
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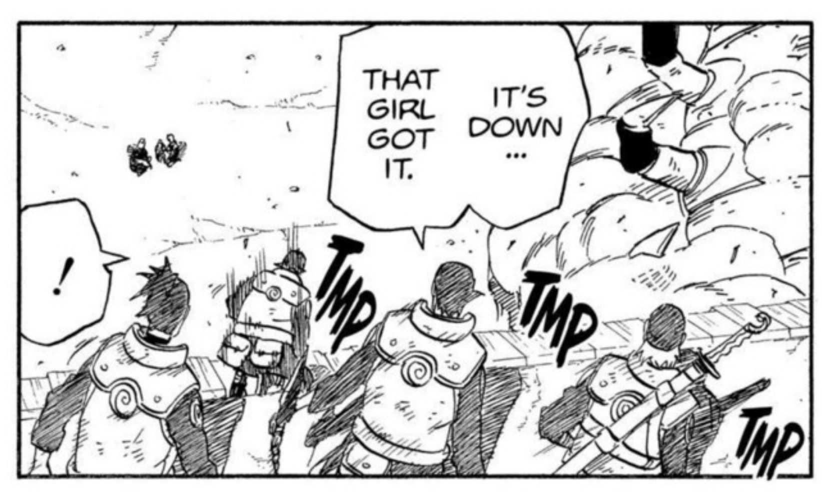
OH YEAH!

Number 421: Recall Naruto!!










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WAY


OH, GOOD! THIS WOUND'S NOT TOO BAD.
FWOO
THANK YOU...

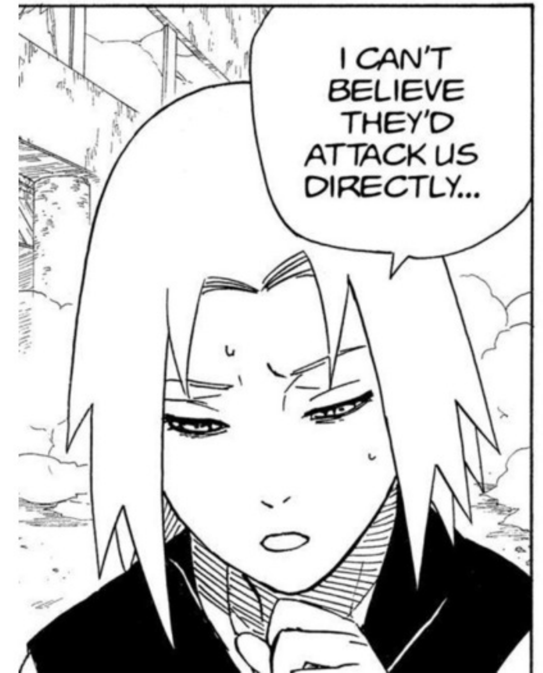

SAKURA!
!
TMP


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SHUP
MAS-TER IRUKA ...


WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE AKATSUKI ...
...IS ATTACKING KONOHA! THEY WANT NARUTO!

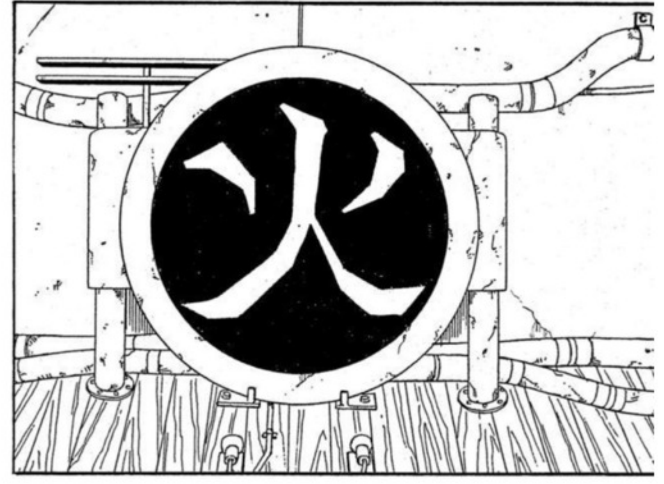

THE AKA-TSUKI ?!


I'VE ALREADY ALERTED LADY TSUNADE.
THE ALARM SHOULD SOUND SOON.

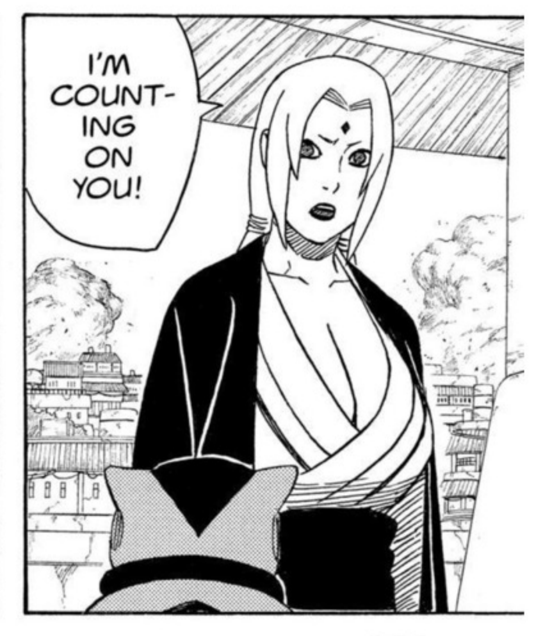

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'D ATTACK US DIRECTLY...

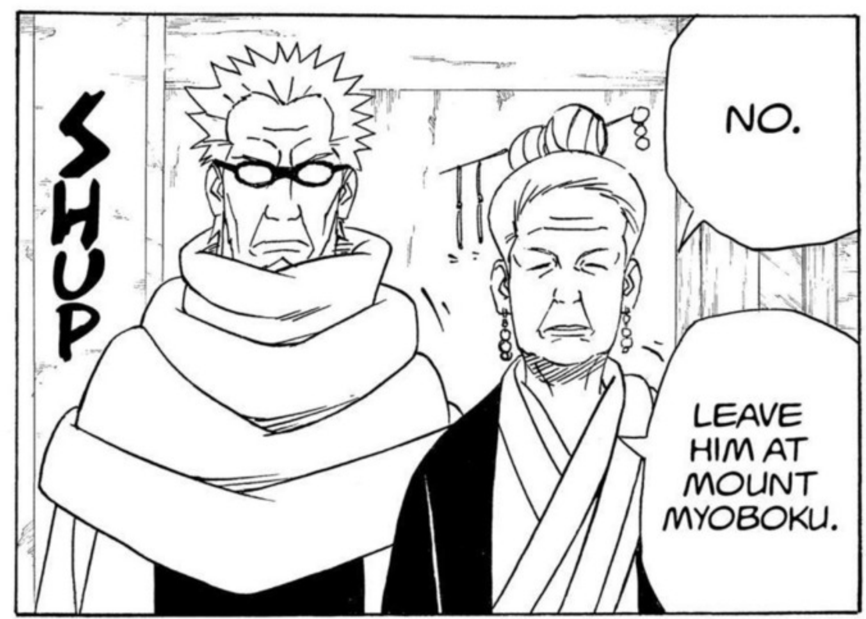

KABOOM
LET'S GO, IRUKA!
!
!
AIEE!


SAKURA, GET TO THE HOSPITAL NOW!
YOU HAVE TO HEAL ALL THE INJURED!
YES, SIR!



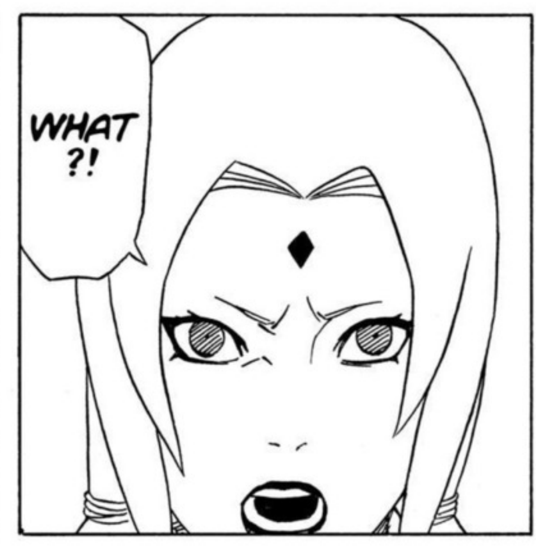

ROGER!
I'M OFF TO GET NARUTO!


I'M COUNTING ON YOU!


NO.
LEAVE HIM AT MOUNT MYOBOKU.
SHUP

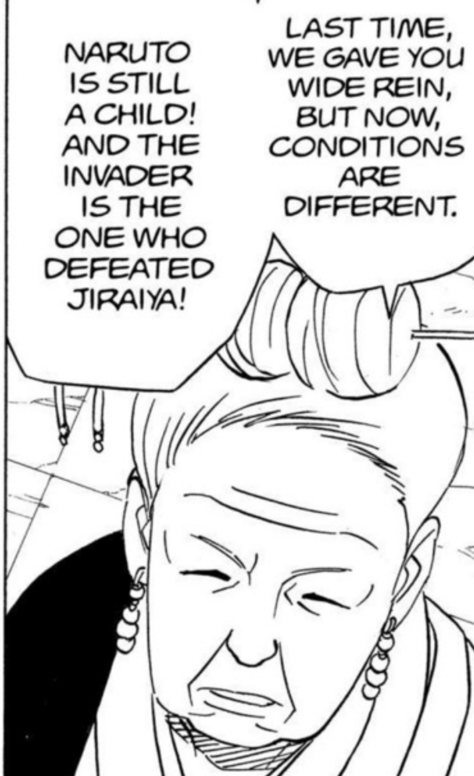

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FSH
SHUP
SHUP
FSH
!


WHAT ?!

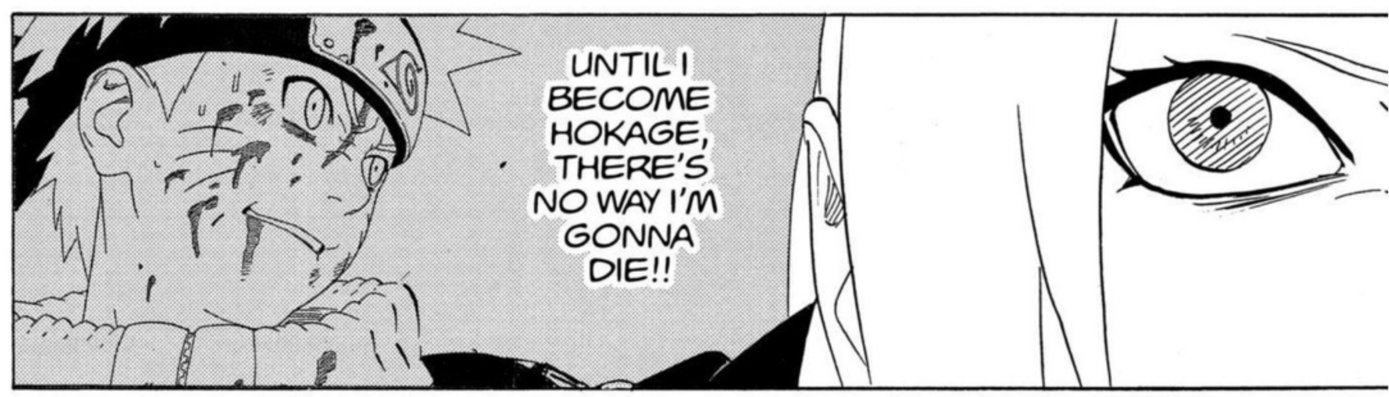

ACCORDING TO DANZO'S REPORT...
...OUR ATTACKER IS THE AKATSUKI LEADER.
AND HE'S AFTER NARUTO, THE JINCHÛ-RIKI.

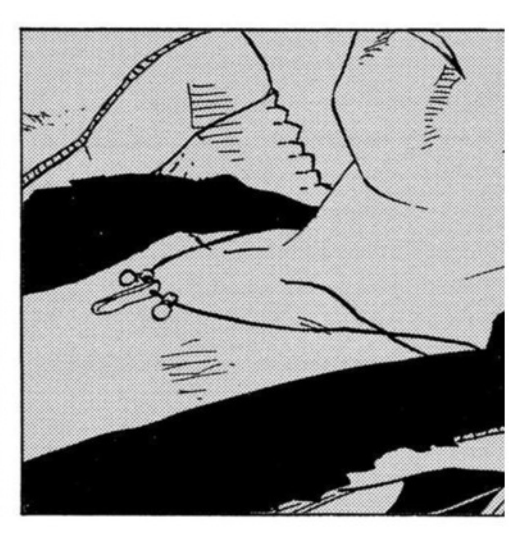

SO?


LAST TIME, WE GAVE YOU WIDE REIN, BUT NOW, CONDITIONS ARE DIFFERENT.
NARUTO IS STILL A CHILD! AND THE INVADER IS THE ONE WHO DEFEATED JIRAIYA!

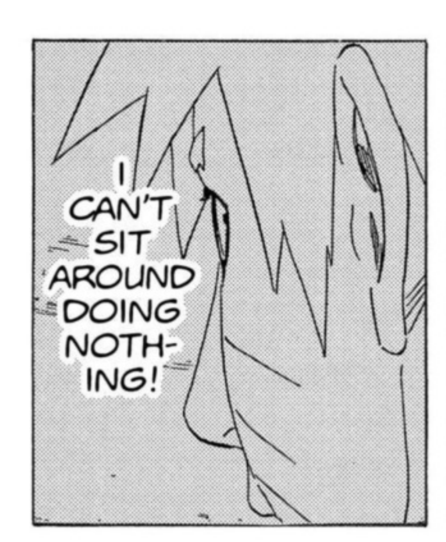

IF NARUTO IS TAKEN DOWN AND NINE TAILS FALLS INTO THEIR HANDS...
KLOP
KLOP
KLOP

FWOP
UGH ...!
WHA?! ...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

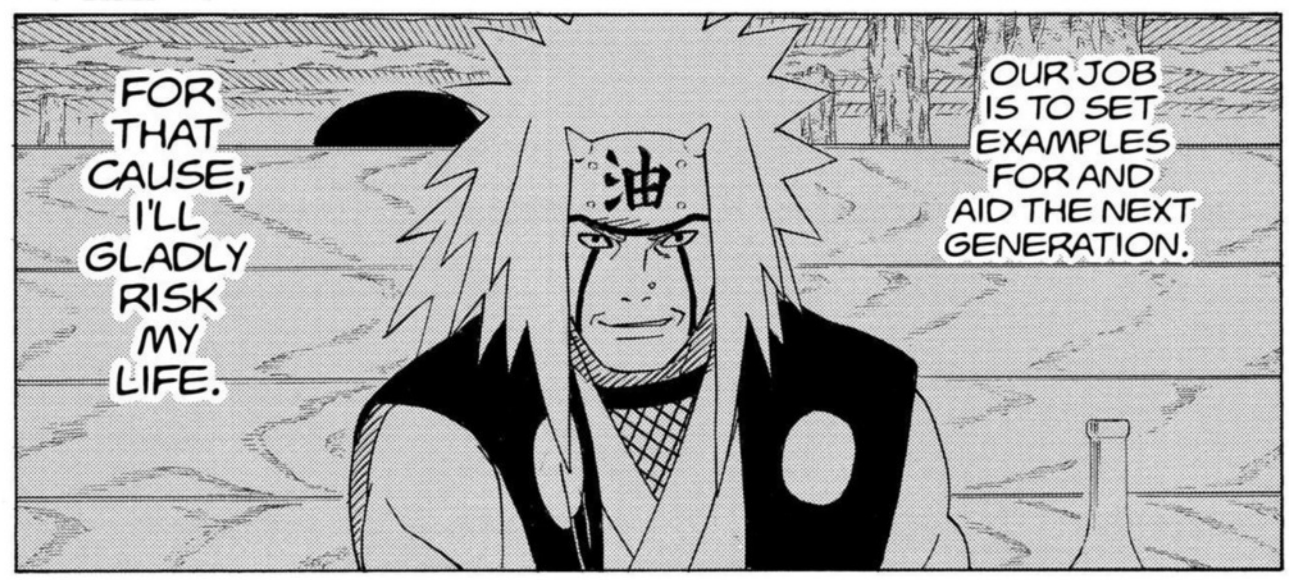




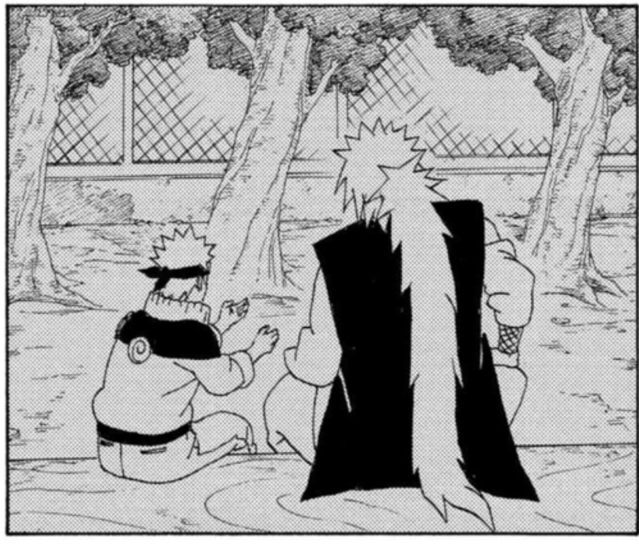




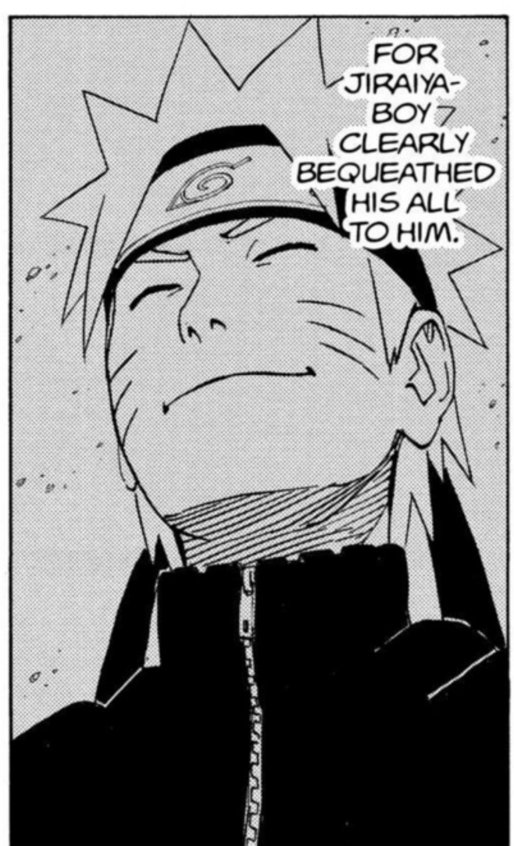

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OUR JOB IS TO SET EXAMPLES FOR AND AID THE NEXT GENERATION.
FOR THAT CAUSE, I'LL GLADLY RISK MY LIFE.

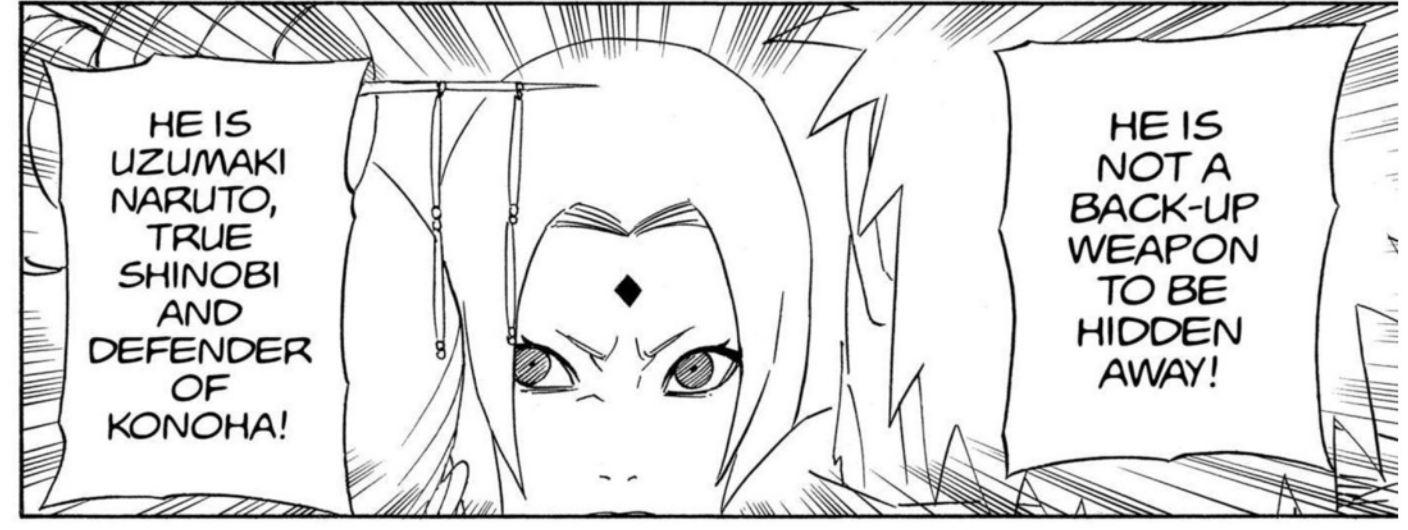

I CAN SEE THAT THAT CHILD TRULY LOVED 'N ADMIRED JIRAIYA-BOY.
IT MAKES ME HOPE MORE THAN ANY-THIN'... THAT HE IS THE CHILD O' PROPH-ECY.




H-HEY! LET US GO, TSUNADE ...!
HOW DARE YOU RAISE YOUR HAND AGAINST US COUNSELORS ...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!


FOR JIRAIYA-BOY CLEARLY BEQUEATHED HIS ALL TO HIM.

WHAT ARE *YOU* THINKING?!
STILL TREATING HIM LIKE A MERE CHILD!!
WHA...?!
HE'S GROWN.
HE'S ADOPTED THE KONOHA WILL OF FIRE!
NARUTO IS CURRENTLY TRAINING TO SURPASS JIRAIYA!!



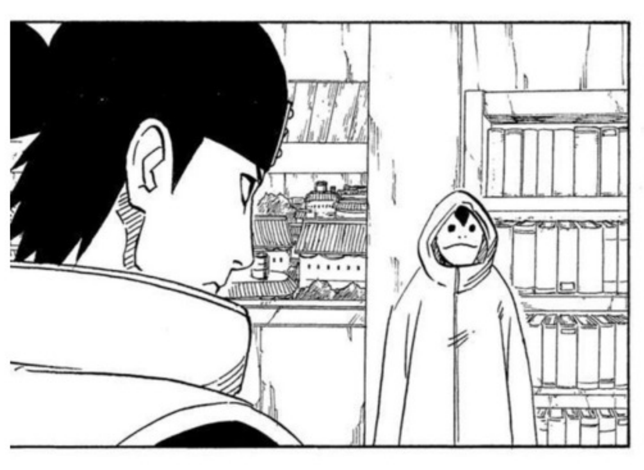

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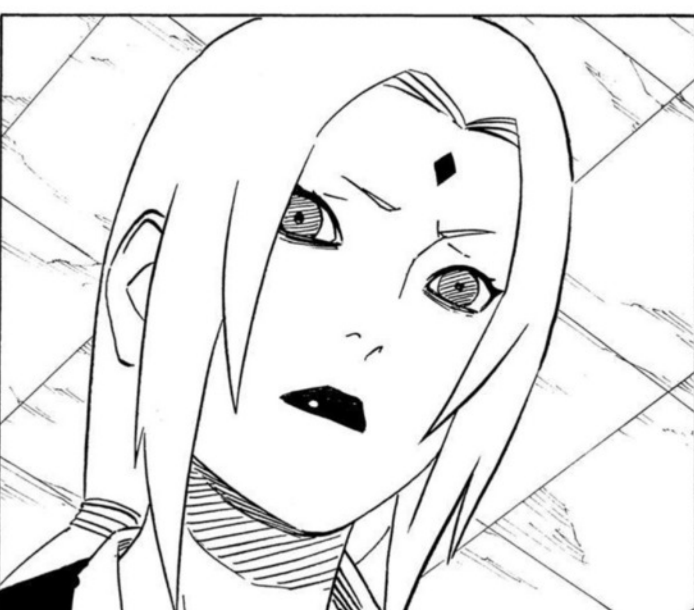

THUMP
UGH...
WHA!
FFT
FFT
THUMP

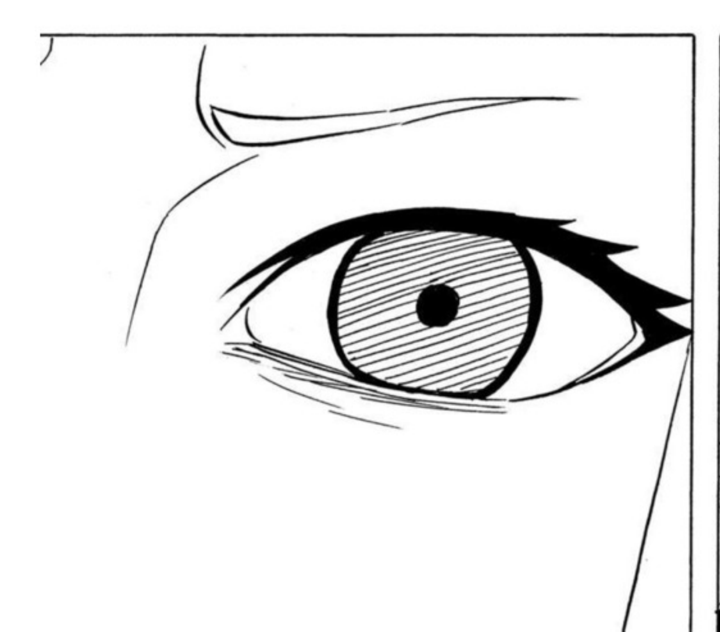

...DO YOU KNOW WHAT JIRAIYA, MASTER SARUTOBI, AND EVEN GRANNY CHIYO OF THE SAND HAD...
...THAT YOU LACK?!


...


...







FAITH AND TRUST !!

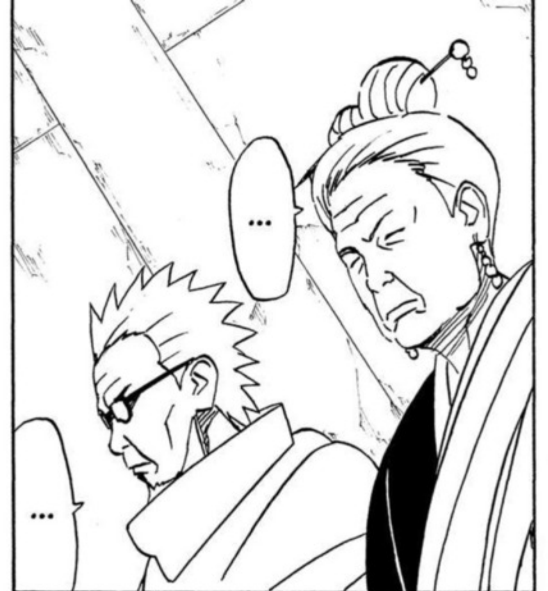





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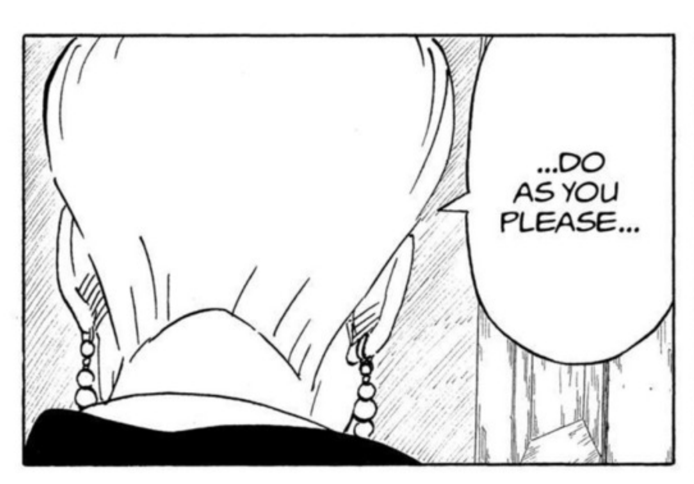
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JUST AS MY GRAND-FATHER THE FIRST HOKAGE BELIEVED IN YOU AND ENTRUSTED KONOHA TO YOU...
...IT IS NOW YOUR TURN TO DO THE SAME FOR THE CURRENT YOUTH OF KONOHA!!


SSH...
SSH...


...
...

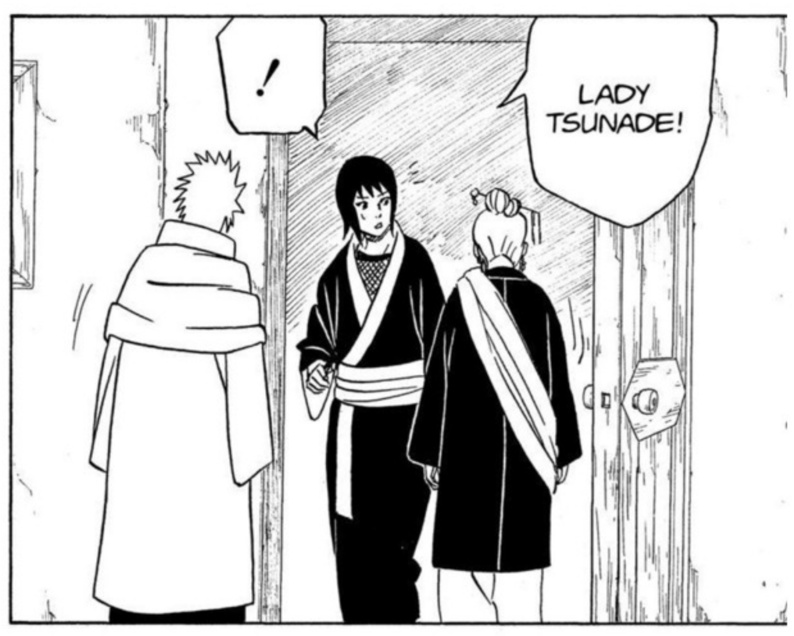





...DO AS YOU PLEASE...


SHUP


SHI-ZUNE!
HAVE YOU DISCOVERED SOMETHING?


LADY TSUNADE!
!







KA TOK KA TOK...
IT FELT DIF-FERENT FROM A BLAST WAVE... BUT WHAT COULD IT BE?!
THERE'S DEFINITELY A BLAST AREA WITH HIM AT THE EPI-CENTER.
KA TOK...

HMM... HOW ABOUT THIS?
BZZZAP
BZZZZZZAAP

SWSH

IMPRES-SIVE... SO HOW SHALL...

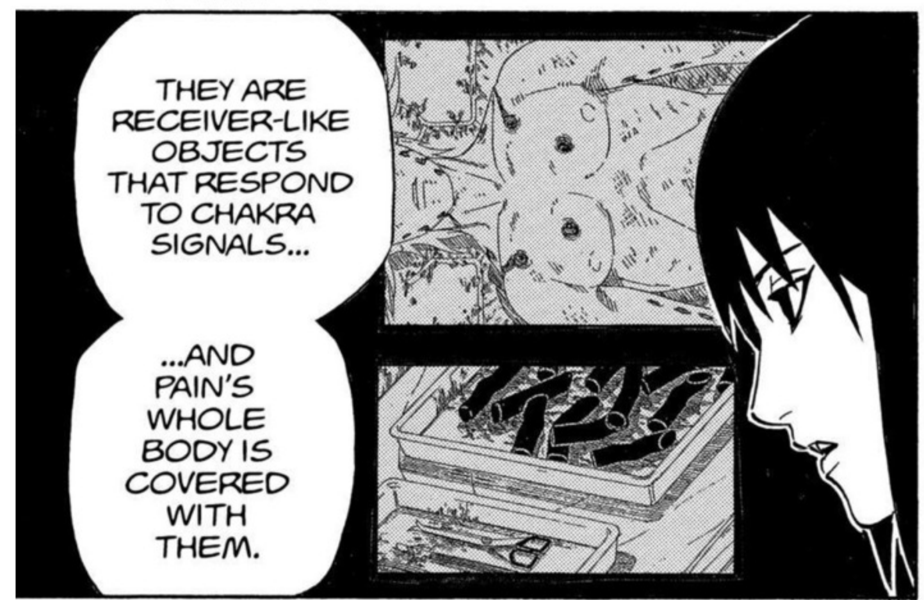
HE CAN REPEL BOTH PHYSICAL ATTACKS AND NINJUTSU, EH...

AN-OTHER ONE...

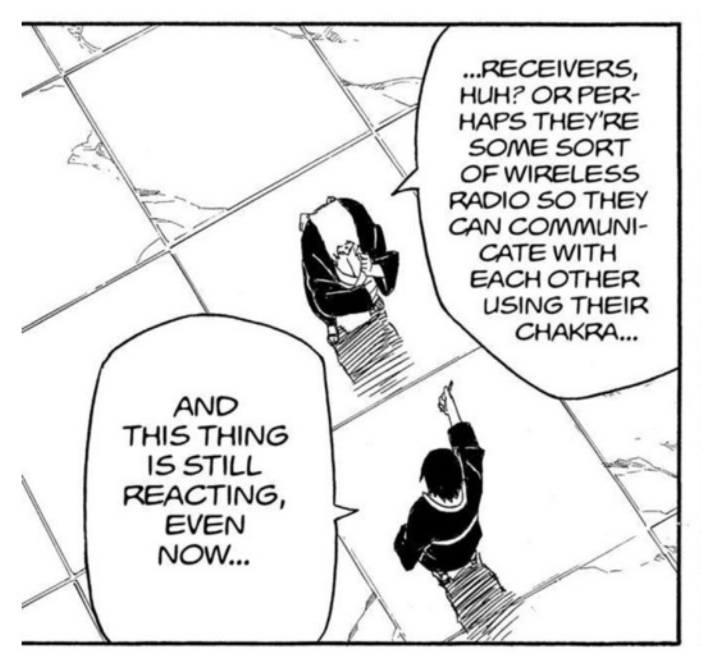
THOOM

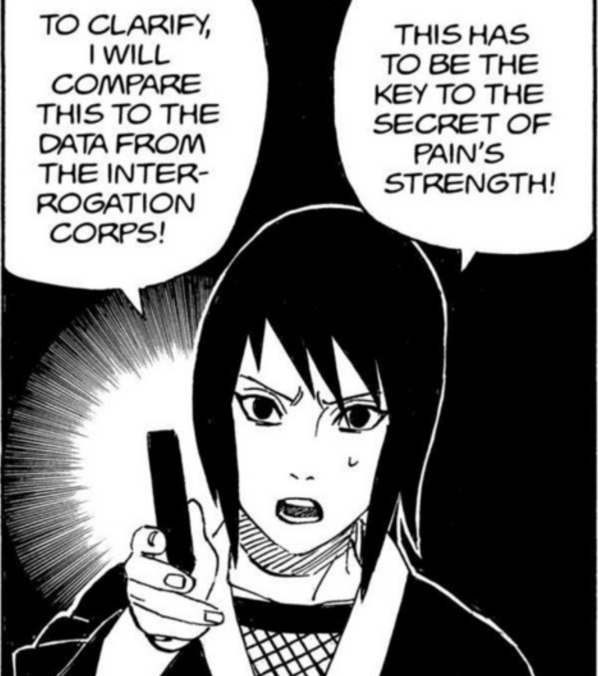

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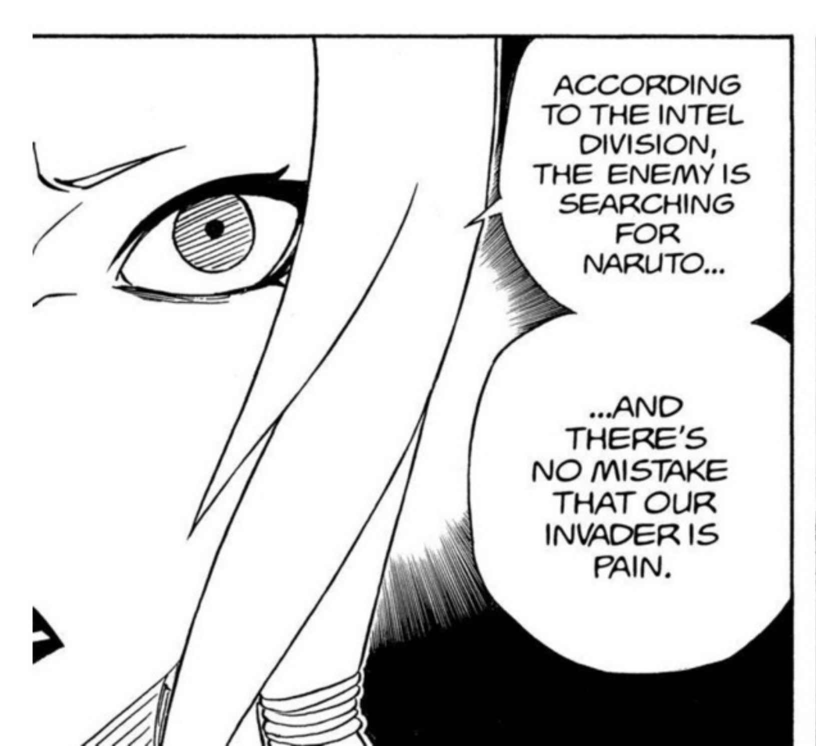

THIS IS IT!


THEY ARE RECEIVER-LIKE OBJECTS THAT RESPOND TO CHAKRA SIGNALS...
...AND PAIN'S WHOLE BODY IS COVERED WITH THEM.


ACCORDING TO LORD FUKASAKU, ALL SIX PAINS HAD SIMILAR OBJECTS STUDDING THEIR BODIES AND FACES.
DO YOU MEAN, TO COORDINATE THEIR MOVEMENTS, THEY RECEIVE SOME CHAKRA SIGNAL ACROSS THEIR ENTIRE BODIES?

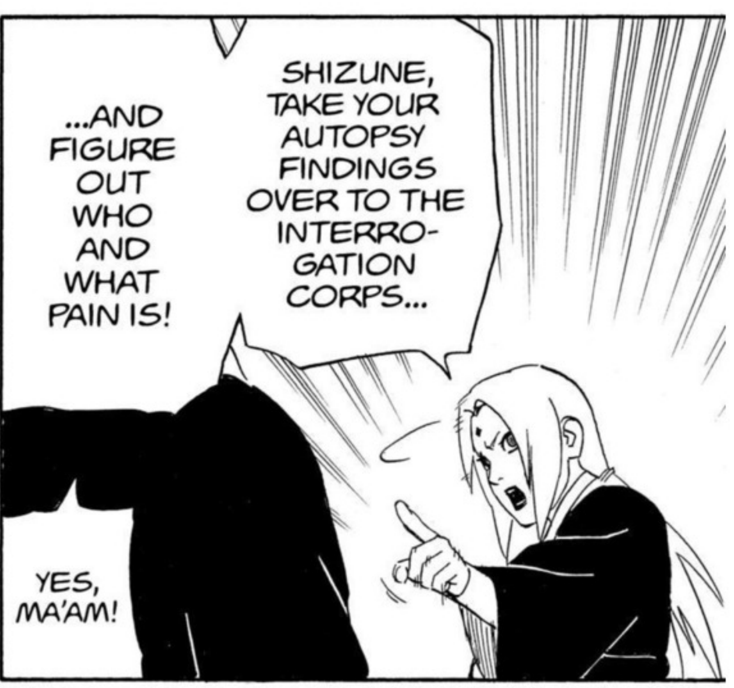

...RECEIVERS, HUH? OR PERHAPS THEY'RE SOME SORT OF WIRELESS RADIO SO THEY CAN COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER USING THEIR CHAKRA...
AND THIS THING IS STILL REACTING, EVEN NOW...


THIS HAS TO BE THE KEY TO THE SECRET OF PAIN'S STRENGTH!
TO CLARIFY, I WILL COMPARE THIS TO THE DATA FROM THE INTERROGATION CORPS!

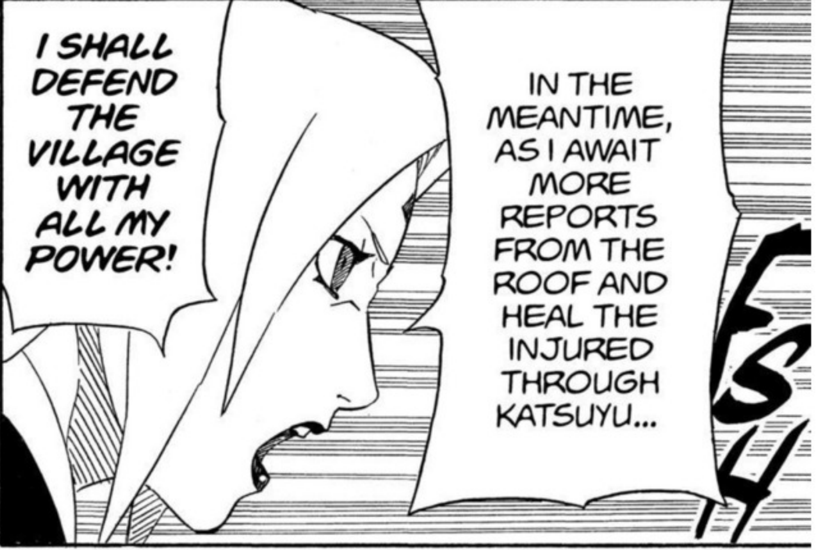

ACCORDING TO THE INTEL DIVISION, THE ENEMY IS SEARCHING FOR NARUTO...
...AND THERE'S NO MISTAKE THAT OUR INVADER IS PAIN.


WE SHOULD RELAY ALL OF THIS TO LORD FUKASAKU AS WELL.
MESSENGER FROG, DON'T JUST RECALL NARUTO—YOU NEED TO PASS THIS INTEL ALONG AS WELL!


SURE THING!


SHIZUNE, TAKE YOUR AUTOPSY FINDINGS OVER TO THE INTERRO-GATION CORPS...
...AND FIGURE OUT WHO AND WHAT PAIN IS!
YES, MA'AM!

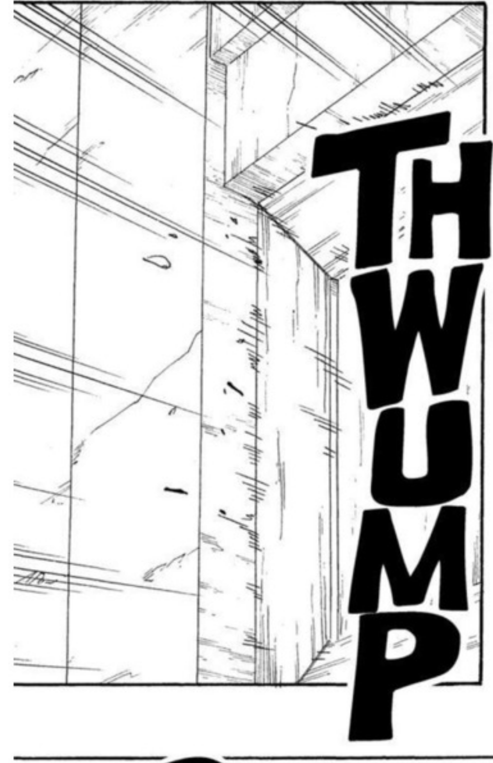

BLACK OPS CELL B, ESCORT SHIZUNE!
THEN GUARD THE INTER-ROGATION CORPS AS WELL!
DON'T LET PAIN NEAR THEM!
AYE!


IN THE MEANTIME, AS I AWAIT MORE REPORTS FROM THE ROOF AND HEAL THE INJURED THROUGH KATSUYU...
I SHALL DEFEND THE VILLAGE WITH ALL MY POWER!


LET'S GO!!







OKAY! TIME FOR ME TO GET GOIN' TO LORD FUKASAKU!

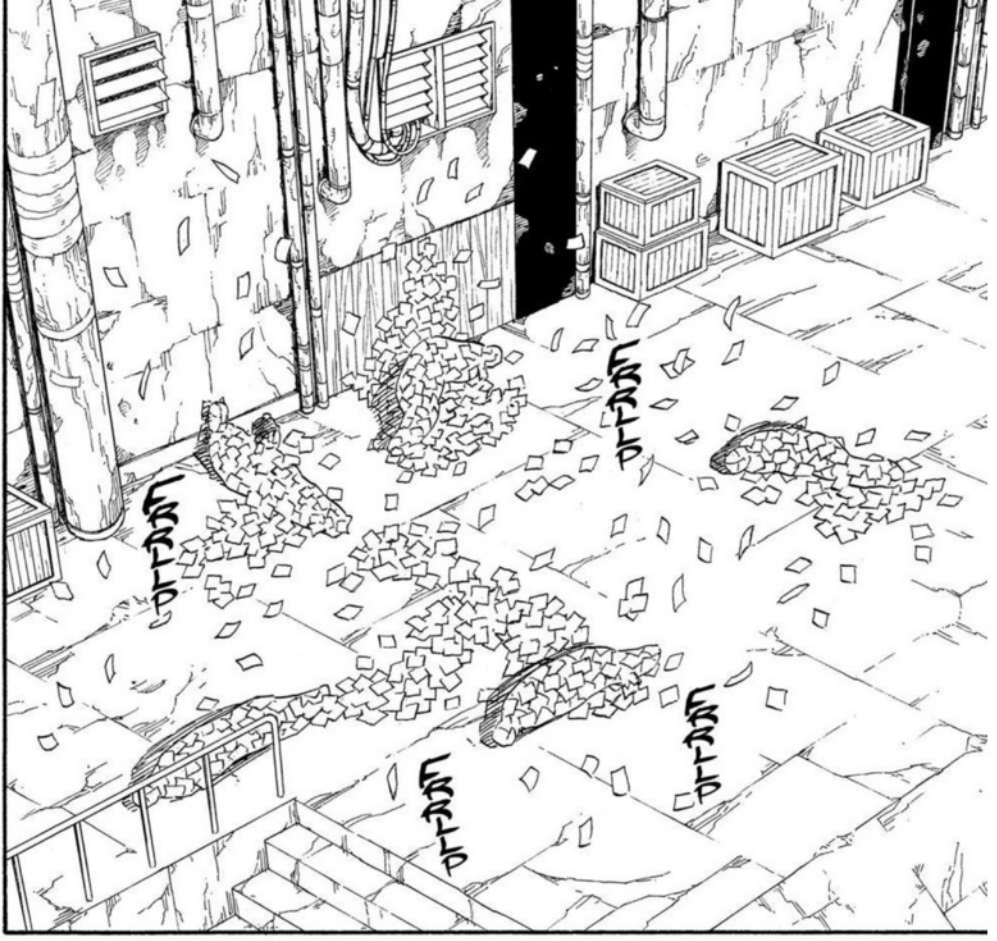
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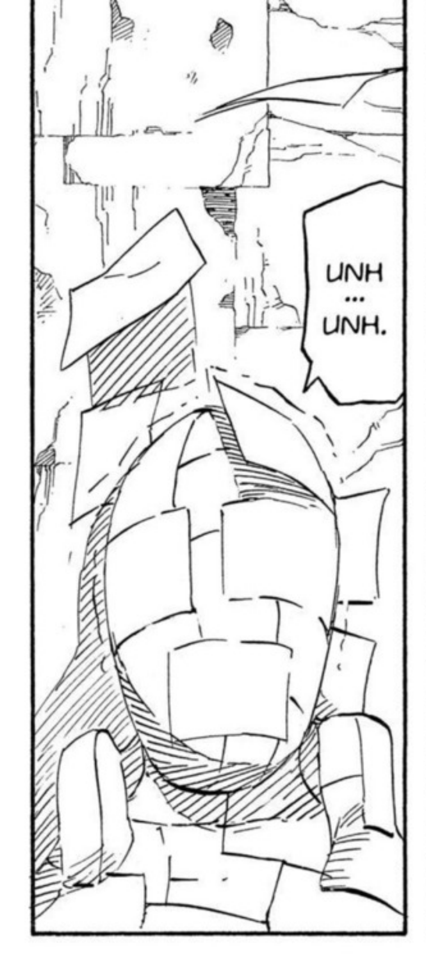
SPRRCHT

NOW, NINE TAILS CAN BE KEPT CAGED UP.


NARUTO


Number 422: Kakashi vs. Pain!!

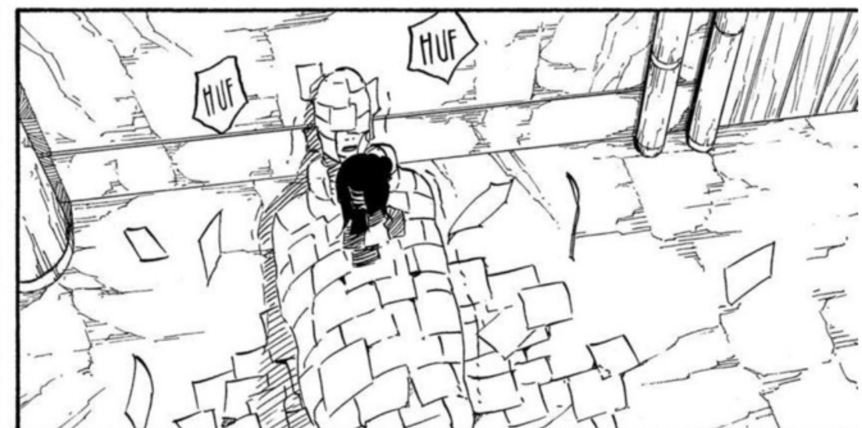

ERRLLP
ERRLLP
ERRLLP
ERRLLP


UNH ... UNH.


PRIIP PRIIP

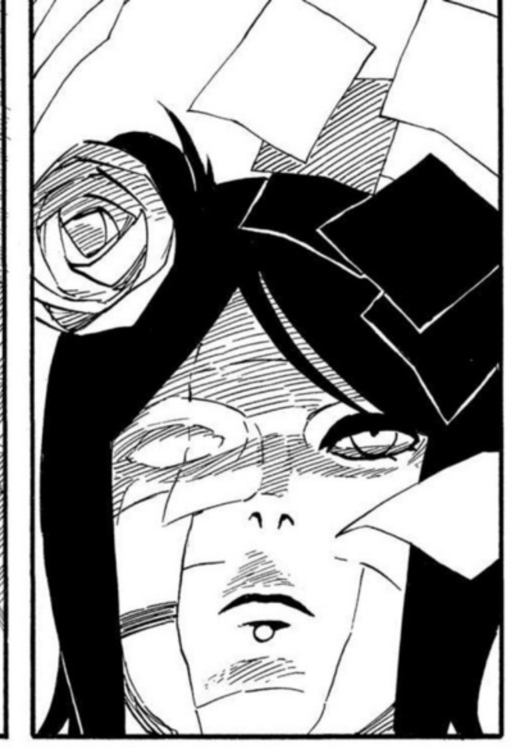
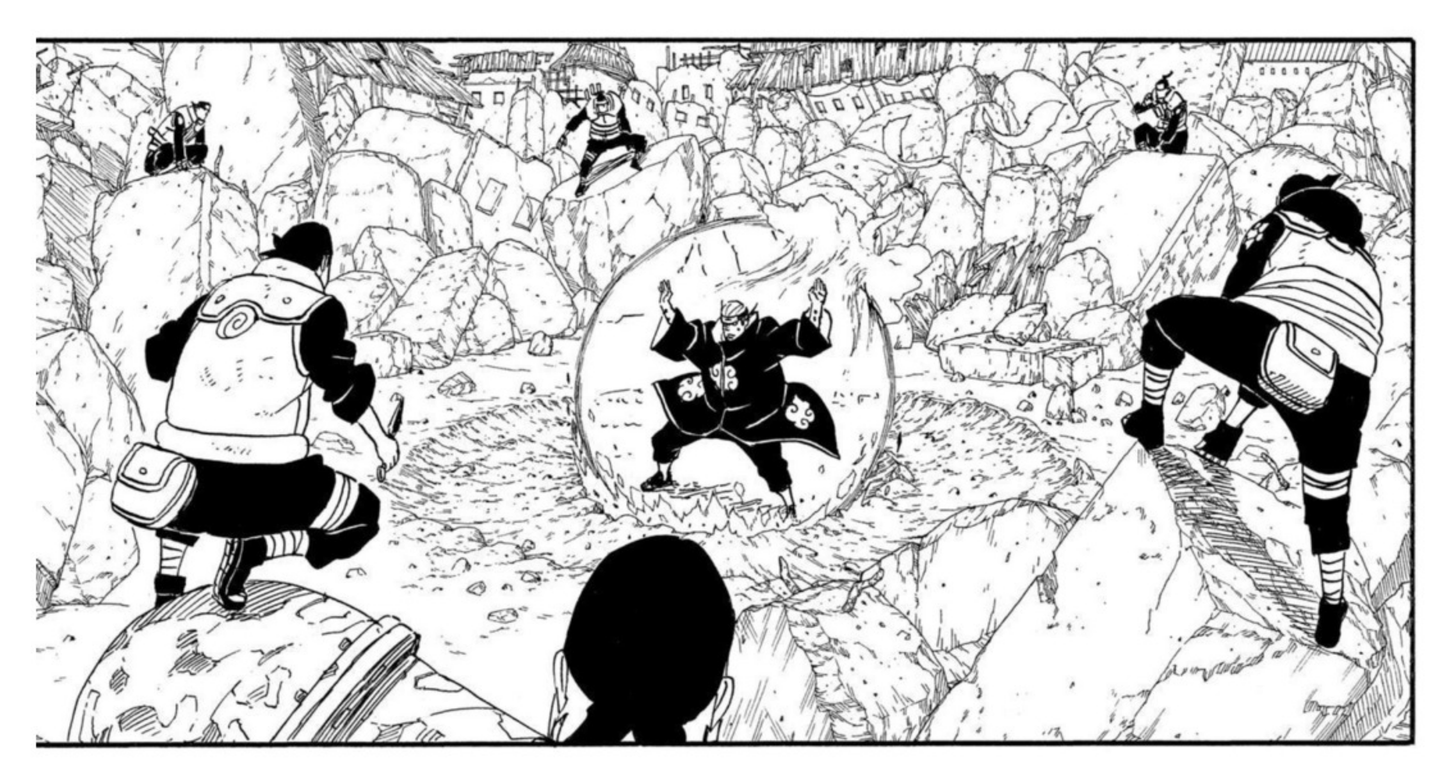

PRIIP
HUF
HNNFF


WHERE IS UZUMAKI NARUTO?
HUF
HUF


HUF
HUF

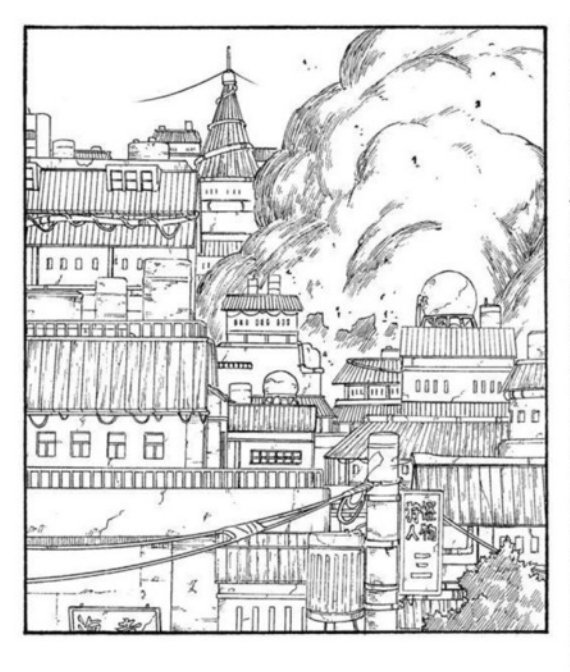

DIE ...!


WOOOO...

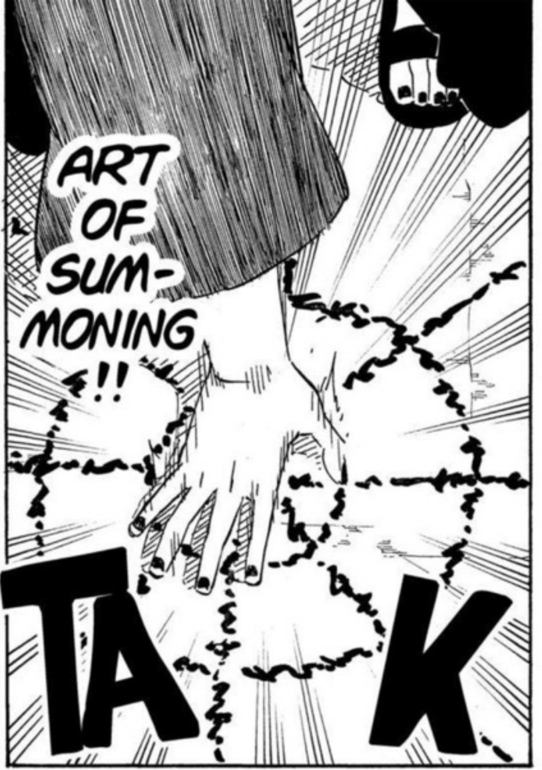
VWOOSH




HE... ABSORBS JUTSU...
ATTACK HIM DIRECTLY ...

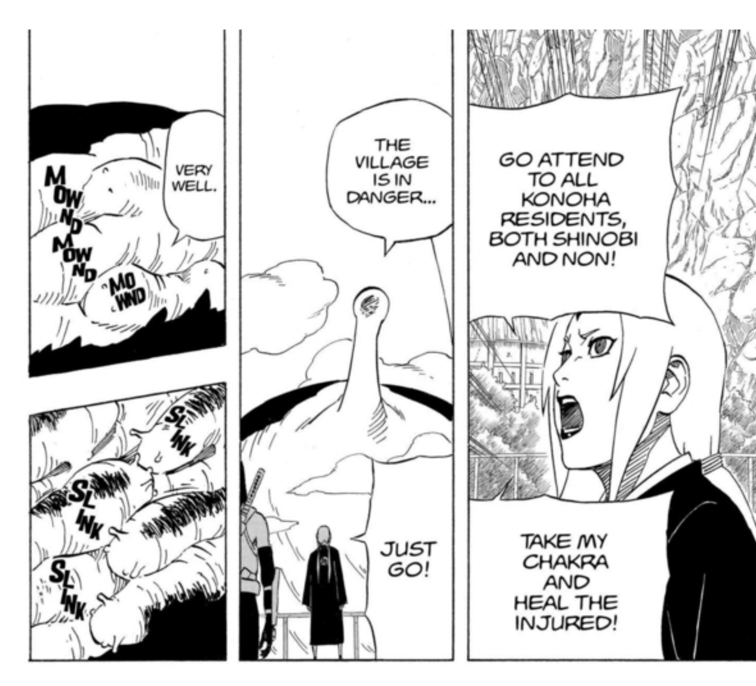

IS UZUMAKI NARUTO HERE OR NOT?
TELL ME!


UGH... I... DON'T KNOW.


UNH ...


ART OF SUM-MONING!!
TAK


BOOF


GO ATTEND TO ALL KONOHA RESIDENTS, BOTH SHINOBI AND NON!
TAKE MY CHAKRA AND HEAL THE INJURED!
THE VILLAGE IS IN DANGER...
JUST GO!
VERY WELL.
MOWND
MOWND
MOWND
SLINK
SLINK
SLINK



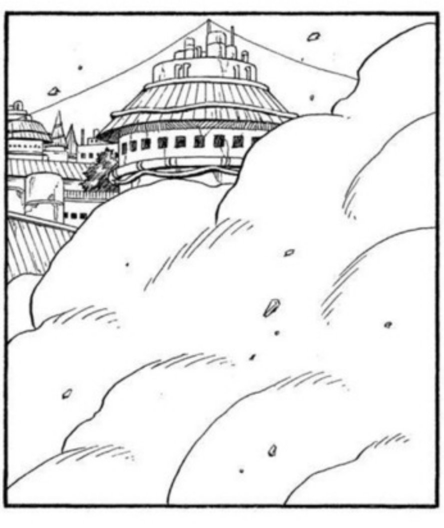

SPLICH SPLICH SPLICH SPLICH
I WILL PROTECT THIS VILLAGE...
CRICH CRICH CRICH CRICH


...I SWEAR UPON MY TITLE OF HOKAGE!

BOOM









READ THIS WAY

FFAP

GOT HIM!

FWMP

WHOOSH









WHEN YOU FACE PAIN, YOU MUST ONLY FIGHT THEM ONE-ON-ONE.

EACH POSSESSES ONLY A SINGLE JUTSU TYPE... YOU MUST DEDUCE EACH ONE'S ABILITY.

TMP

SKRITCH...





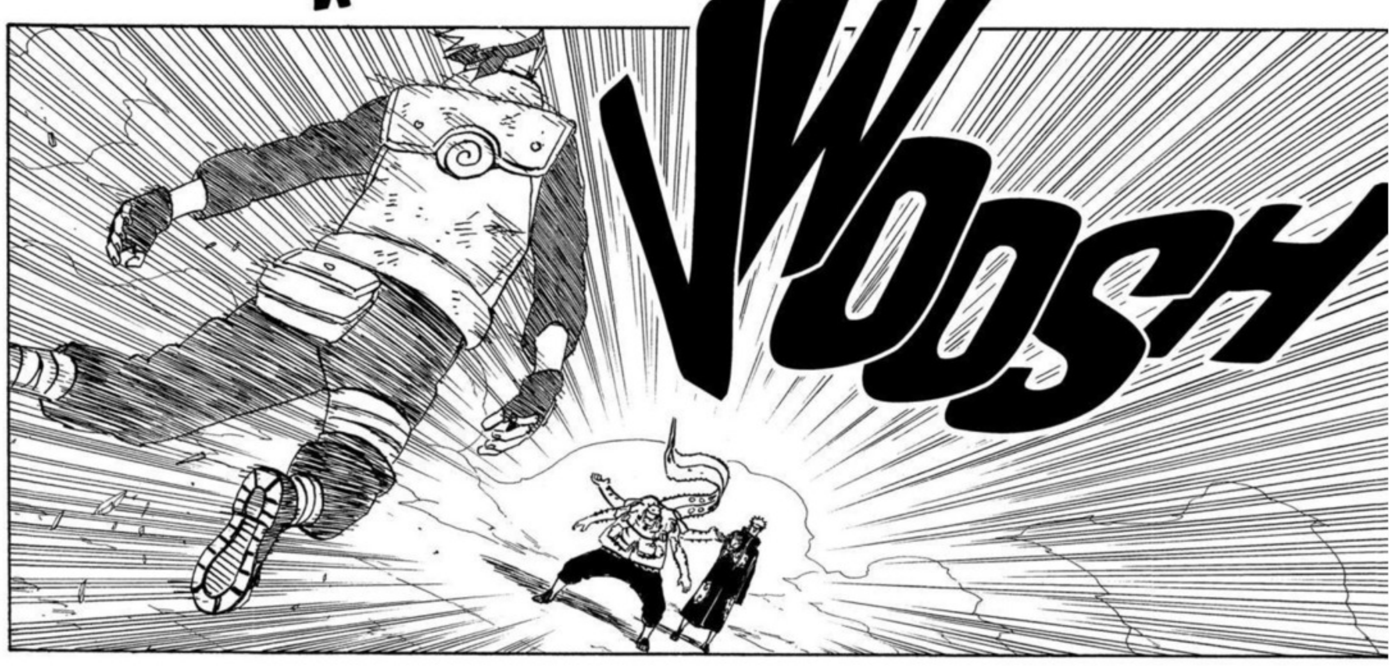


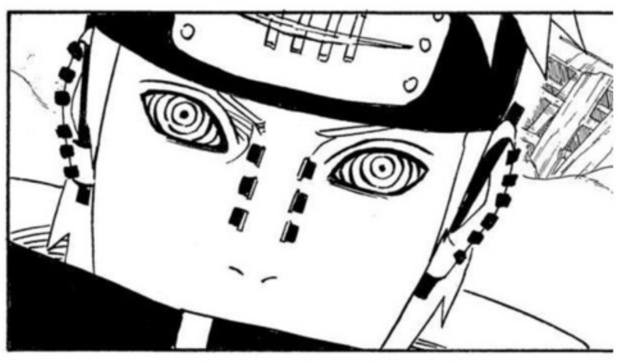

READ THIS WAY
ZWOO...
ZWOO...
KRIK
KRIK


FSH


FZZMP
?!

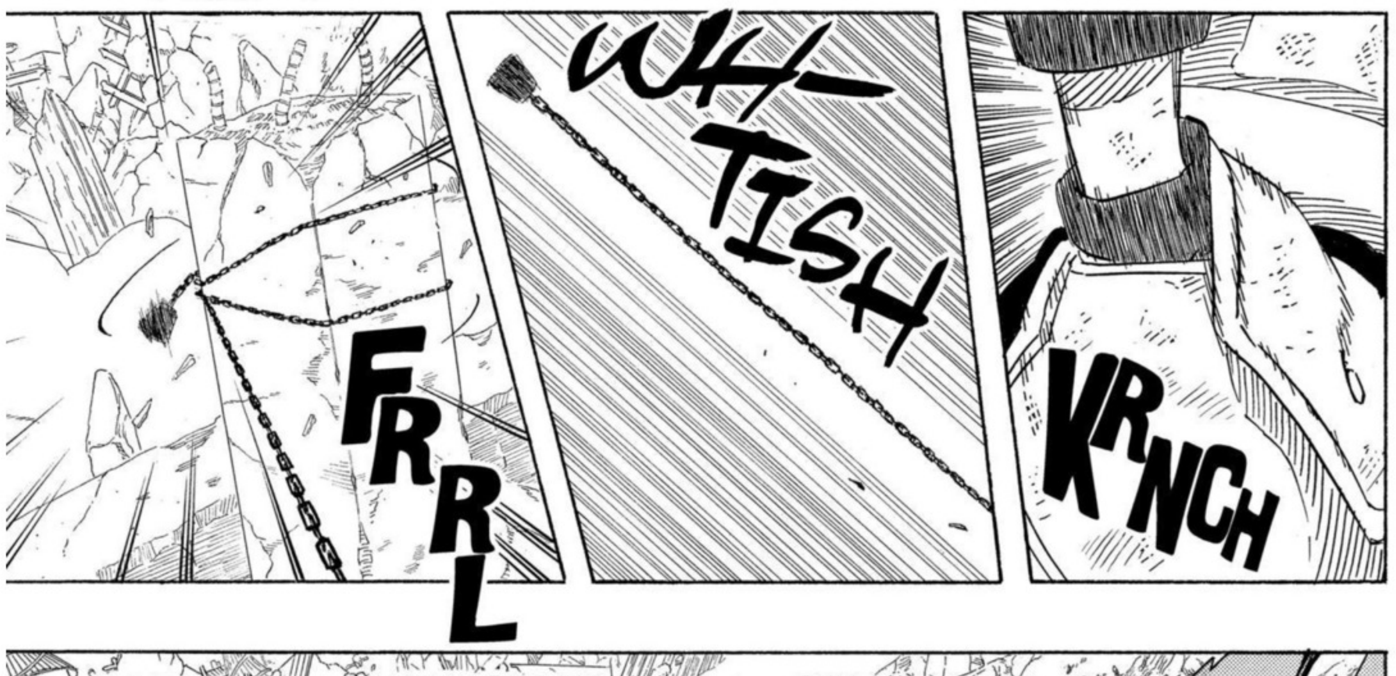

I'M BEING PULLED ...!
THNK


WOOSH




THAT'S IT! THAT'S HIS ABILITY ...!

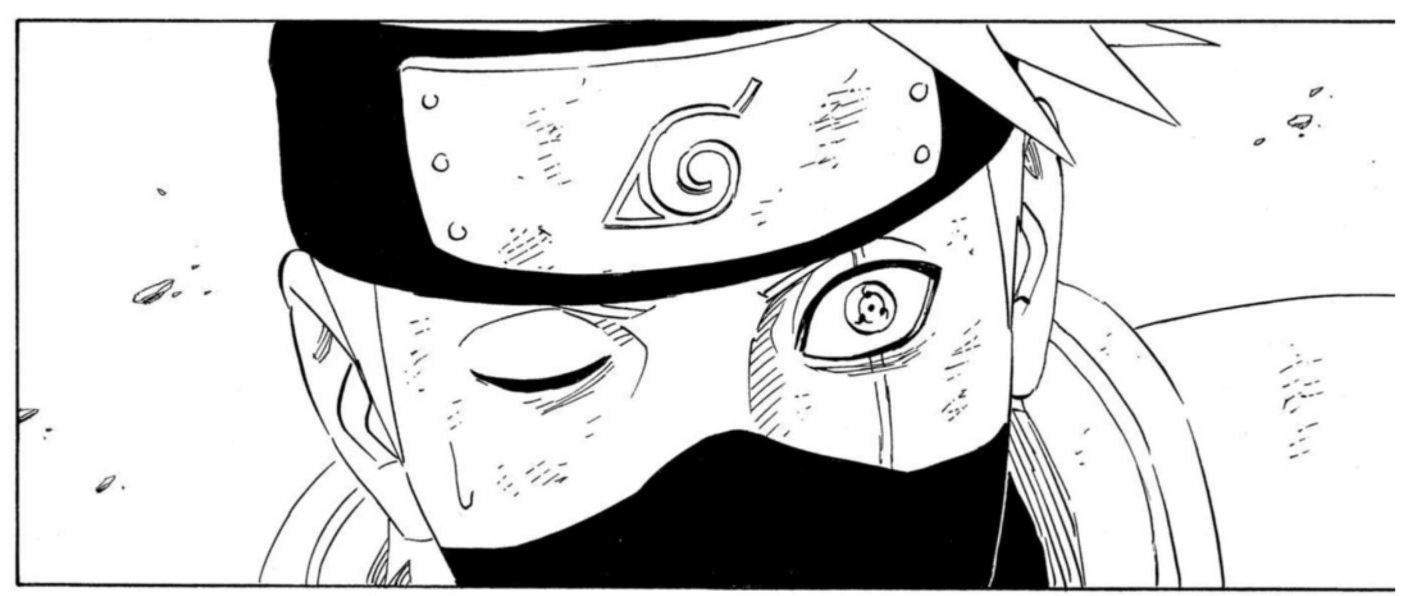

READ THIS WAY


KRNCH
WH-TISH
FRRRL


PAIN... I'VE GOT NO CHANCE IF I FIGHT THEM ALONE.
I NEED BACKUP... AND TO LET THE OTHERS KNOW WHAT THE ABILITIES OF THESE TWO ARE!
HAVE TO HOLD THEM OFF AS LONG AS I...
JNNK
SKRITCH...


SHKEEN
UGH ...!
THWAP
GAH...

DU
NF




READ
THIS
WAY


BZP
BZP



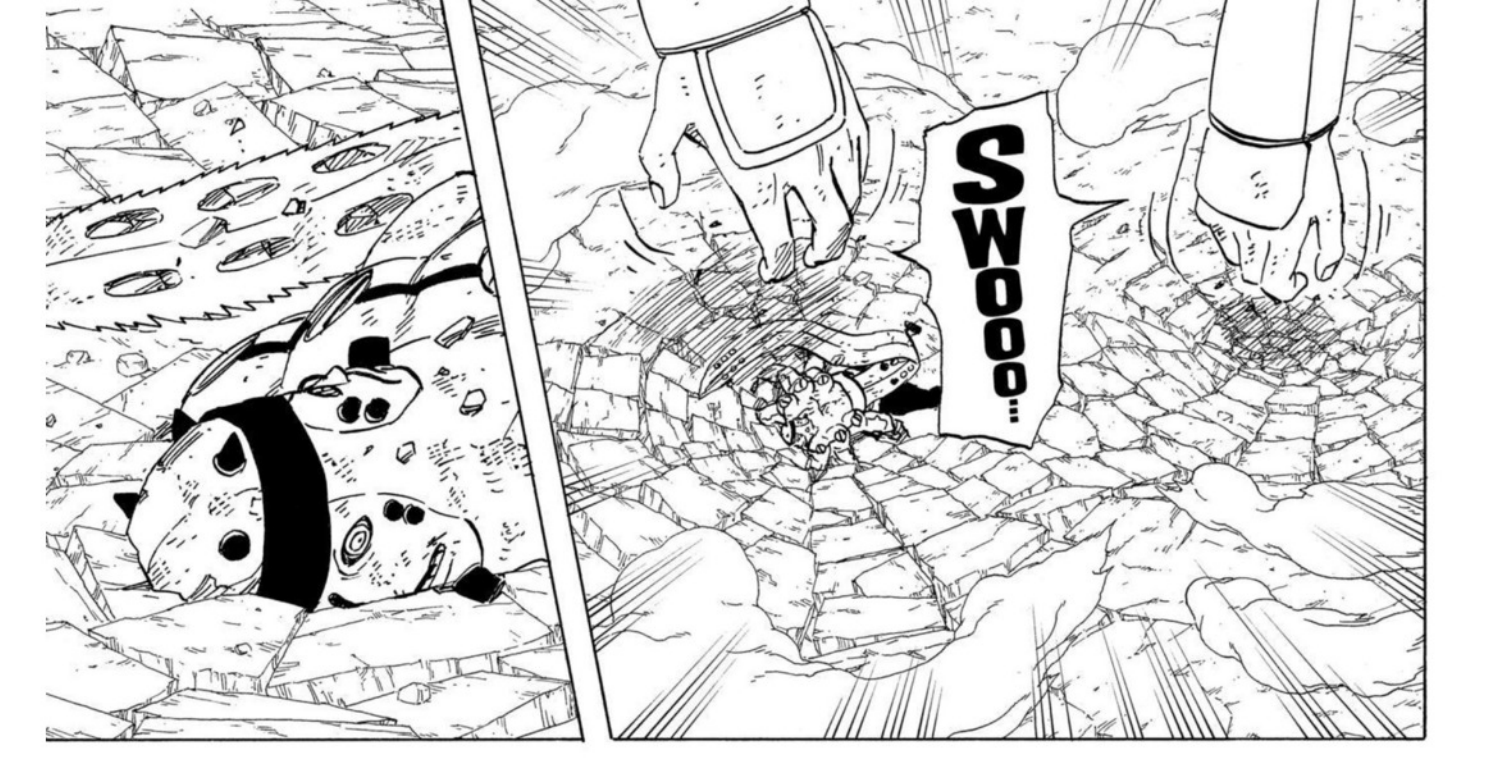

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BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ


A LIGHTNING STYLE SHADOW DOPPELGANGER...!


!


FWOOM
TAK









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